

V.I.P. score (Visual Infusion Phlebitis score)

VIP score should be evaluated during each shift and documented on the observation chart

I.V. site appears healthy	0 ▶	No signs of phlebitis ▶ observe cannula
One of the following is evident: ▶ Slight pain near I.V. site or slight redness near I.V. site	1 ▶	Possible first signs of phlebitis ▶ observe cannula
Two of the following are evident: ▶ Pain near I.V. site ▶ Erythema ▶ Swelling	2 ▶	Early stage of phlebitis ▶ resite cannula
All of the following are evident: ▶ Pain along path of cannula ▶ Erythema ▶ Induration	3 ▶	Medium stage of phlebitis ▶ resite cannula ▶ consider treatment
All of the following are evident and extensive: ▶ Pain along path of cannula ▶ Erythema ▶ Induration ▶ Palpable venous cord	4 ▶	Advanced stage of phlebitis or start of thrombophlebitis ▶ resite cannula ▶ consider treatment
All of the following are evident & extensive: ▶ Pain along path of cannula ▶ Erythema ▶ Induration ▶ Palpable venous cord ▶ Pyrexia	5 ▶	Advanced stage of thrombophlebitis ▶ initiate treatment ▶ resite cannula

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