

Phlebitis Score

IV site appears healthy	0	No sign of phlebitis OBSERVE CANNULA
ONE of the following signs is evident: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Slight pain near IV site OR ■ Slight redness near IV site 	1	Possibly first signs of phlebitis OBSERVE CANNULA
TWO of the following are evident: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Pain at IV site ■ Redness ■ Swelling 	2	Early stage of phlebitis RESITE CANNULA
ALL the following signs are evident: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Pain along path of cannula ■ Redness around site ■ Swelling 	3	Medium stage of phlebitis RESITE CANNULA CONSIDER TREATMENT
ALL of the following signs are evident and extensive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Pain along the path of cannula ■ Swelling ■ Redness around site ■ Palpable venous cord 	4	Advanced stage of phlebitis or the start of thrombophlebitis RESITE CANNULA CONSIDER TREATMENT
ALL of the following signs are evident and extensive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Pain along the path of cannula ■ Swelling ■ Pyrexia ■ Redness around site ■ Palpable venous cord 	5	Advanced stage thrombophlebitis INITIATE TREATMENT RESITE CANNULA

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