

VISUAL INFUSION PHLEBITIS SCORE (V.I.P SCORE)			
SITE OBSERVATION	SCORE	SIGNS OF PHLEBITIS	ACTION
IV Site appears healthy	0	No signs of phlebitis	OBSERVE CANNULA
One of the following signs is evident: 1.Pain near IV site (Pain score 1-3). May not require analgesic. 2.Slight redness near IV site	1	Possibly first signs of phlebitis	RESITE CANNULA
Two of the following signs are evident: 1. Pain at IV site - Moderate pain (Pain Score 4-6). Interferes with activities. 2. Redness near IV site 3. Swelling	*2	Early syage of phlebitis	RESITE CANNULA
ALL of the following signs evident: 1. Pain along path of cannula (Pain Score 4-6). Interferes with concentration. 2. Redness around site 3. Swelling/ induration	*3	Medium stage of phlebitis	RESITE CANNULA CONSIDER TREATMENT
ALL of the following signs evident and extensive: 1. Pain along path of cannula (Pain Score 7-9). Interferes with basic needs. 2. Redness around site 3. Swelling /Induration 4. Palpable Venous Cord	*4	Advanced stage of phlebitis the start of thrombophlebitis	RESITE CANNULA CONSIDER TREATMENT
ALL of the following signs evident and extensive: 1.Pain along path of cannula (Pain Score 10) Bedrest required. 2.Redness around site 3. Swelling/Induration 4. Palpable venous cord 5 .Pyrexia	*5	Advamced stage of thrombophlebitis	INITIATE TREATMENT RESITE CANNULA

* Numerator - Incident of thrombophlebitis

Adapted from Andrew Jackson 1998

COMMON VEINS USE FOR SETTING IV LINES

