

Visual Infusion Phlebitis Score

Policy Statement

All patients with an intravenous access device in place must have the IV site checked at least daily for signs of infusion phlebitis. The subsequent score **AND** action(s) taken (if any) must be documented. The cannula site must also be observed when:

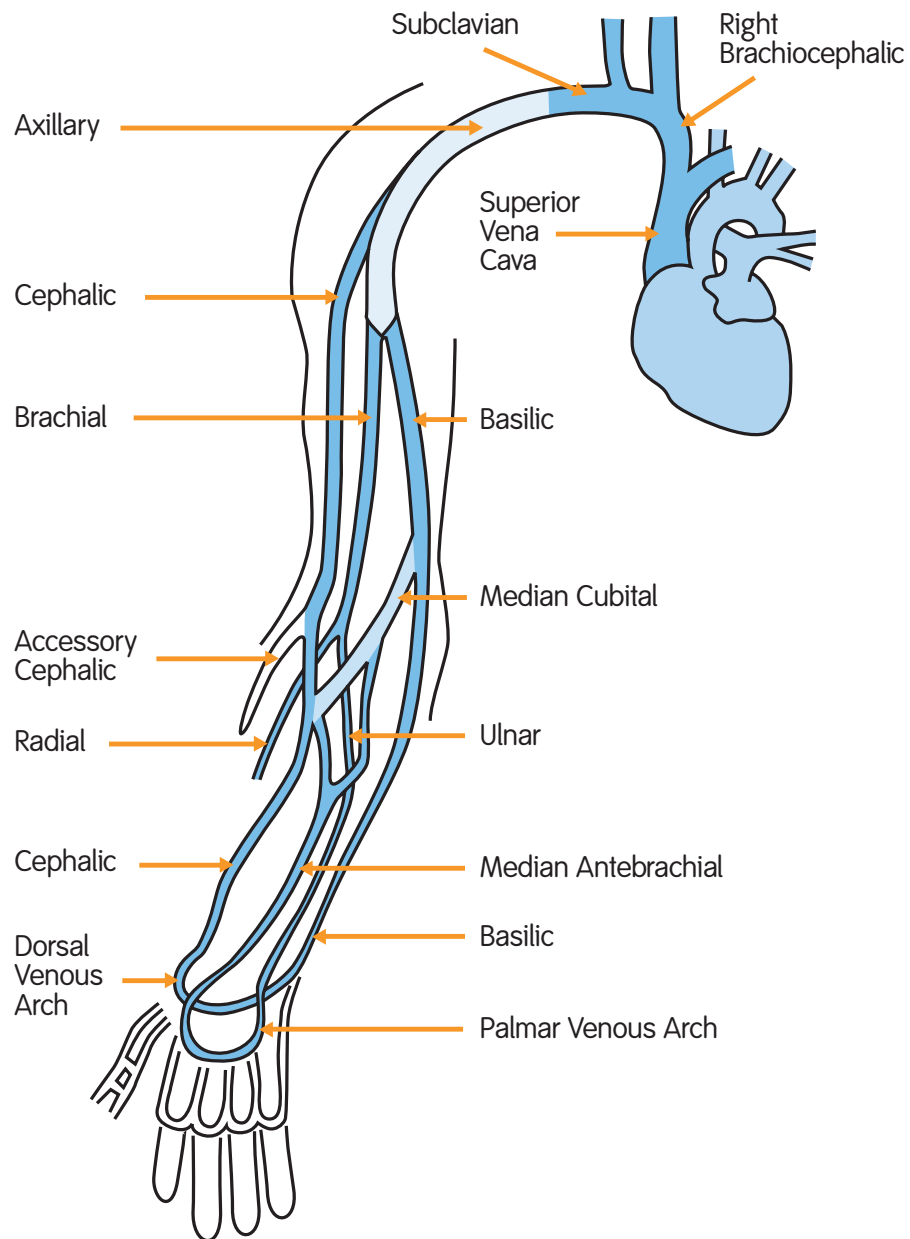
- Bolus injections are administered
- IV flow rates are checked or altered
- Solution containers are changed

The incidence of infusion phlebitis varies. The following 'Good Practice Points' may assist in reducing the incidence of infusion phlebitis:

- 1 Observe cannula site at least daily
- 2 Secure cannula with a proven intravenous dressing
- 3 Replace loose, contaminated dressings
- 4 Cannula must be inserted away from the joints whenever possible
- 5 Aseptic technique must be followed
- 6 Consider your policy position on resiting of the cannula
- 7 Plan and document continuing care
- 8 Use the smallest gauge cannula most suitable for the patient's needs
- 9 Replace the cannula at the first indication of infusion phlebitis (Stage 2 on the VIP score)

IV site appears healthy	 0 >	No signs of phlebitis OBSERVE CANNULA
One of the following is evident: • Slight pain near IV site or • Slight redness near IV site	 1 >	Possible first signs OBSERVE CANNULA
Two of the following are evident: Pain at IV site • Erythema • Swelling	 2 >	Early stage of phlebitis RESITE CANNULA
All of the following signs are evident: • Pain along path of cannula • Erythema • Induration	 3 >	Mid-stage of phlebitis RESITE CANNULA CONSIDER TREATMENT
All of the following signs 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 signs are evident and extensive: • Pain along path of cannula • Erythema • Induration • Palpable venous cord • Pyrexia	 5 >	Advanced stage of thrombophlebitis INITIATE TREATMENT

Veins: Upper Extremity



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Dressing	Size	S&N Code	NHS Code	Carton	Recommended Indications
	5cm x 6cm	66004011	ELW011	100	Paediatric/Ported
	6cm x 7cm	4007	ELW032	100	Peripheral
	6cm x 7cm	59410082	ELW105	100	Peripheral
	7cm x 9cm	4006	ELW046	100	Ported/Peripheral
	9cm x 12cm	66004009	ELW112	50	Central/Jugular
	10cm x 12cm	4008	ELW054	50	Central
	10cm x 12cm	59410882	ELW106	50	Central
	11cm x 14cm	66800512	ELW363	25	PICC/Midline
	10cm x 20cm	4649	ELW099	50	Central/Epidural

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