

Phlebitis Scale

Grade	Clinical Criteria
0	No symptoms
1	Erythema at access site with or without pain
2	Pain at access site with erythema and/or edema
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pain at access site with erythema • Streak formation • Palpable venous cord
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pain at access site with erythema • Streak formation • Palpable venous cord greater than 1 inch in length • Purulent drainage

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Visual Infusion Phlebitis (VIP) Scale

Score	Observation
0	IV site appears healthy
1	One of the following is evident: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slight pain near IV site • Slight redness near IV site
2	Two of the following are evident: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pain at IV site • Erythema • Swelling
3	All of the following signs are evident: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pain along path of cannula • Erythema • Induration • Palpable venous cord
4	All of the following signs are evident and extensive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pain along path of cannula • Erythema • Induration • Palpable venous cord