3M™ Tegaderm™ I.V. Dressings

**V. I. P. Score** (Visual Infusion Phlebitis Score)

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<th>I.V. site appears healthy</th>
<th>0</th>
<th>No signs of phlebitis</th>
<th>OBSERVE CANNULA</th>
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<td>One of the following is evident:</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Possible first signs of phlebitis</td>
<td>OBSERVE CANNULA</td>
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<td>● Slight pain near I.V. site or slight redness near I.V. site</td>
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<td>Two of the following are evident:</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Early stage of phlebitis</td>
<td>RESITE CANNULA</td>
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<td>● Pain near I.V. site ● Erythema ● Swelling</td>
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<td>All of the following are evident:</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Medium stage of phlebitis</td>
<td>RESITE CANNULA CONSIDER TREATMENT</td>
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<td>● Pain along path of cannula ● Erythema ● Induration</td>
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<td>All of the following are evident &amp; extensive:</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>Advanced stage of phlebitis or start of thrombophlebitis</td>
<td>RESITE CANNULA CONSIDER TREATMENT</td>
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<td>● Pain along path of cannula ● Erythema ● Induration ● Palpable venous cord</td>
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<td>All of the following are evident &amp; extensive:</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>Advanced stage of thrombophlebitis</td>
<td>INITIATE TREATMENT RESITE CANNULA</td>
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<td>● Pain along path of cannula ● Erythema ● Induration ● Palpable venous cord ● Pyrexia</td>
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VIP score should be evaluated during each shift and documented on the observation chart.

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Veins of the hand and forearm

Veins of the hand
1 Digital Dorsal veins
2 Dorsal Metacarpal veins
3 Dorsal venous network
4 Cephalic vein
5 Basilic vein

Veins of the forearm
1 Cephalic vein
2 Median Cubital vein
3 Accessory Cephalic vein
4 Basilic vein
5 Cephalic vein
6 Median Antebrachial vein

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