## Visual Infusion Phlebitis Score

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<th>Score</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<td>0</td>
<td>IV site appears healthy</td>
<td>OBSERVE CANNULA</td>
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<td>Possible first sign of phlebitis</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Early stage of phlebitis</td>
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<td>Medium stage of phlebitis</td>
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<td>Advanced stage of phlebitis or start of thrombophlebitis</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Advanced stage of thrombophlebitis</td>
<td>INITIATE TREATMENT</td>
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One of the following is evident:
- Slight pain at IV site
- Redness near IV site

Two of the following are evident:
- Pain
- Erythema
- Swelling

All of the following signs are evident:
- Pain along the path of the cannula
- Erythema
- Induration

All of the following signs evident and extensive:
- Pain along the path of the cannula
- Erythema
- Induration
- Palpable venous cord

All of the following signs are evident and extensive:
- Pain along the path of the cannula
- Erythema
- Induration
- Palpable venous cord
- Pyrexia

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