Visual infusion phlebitis scale Source: Cited in RMH (2020) Original source: Jackson (1998) 'Infection control—a battle in vein: infusion phlebitis'. *Nursing Times*, 94(4), 68, 71.

IV site appears healthy	0	No signs of phlebitis **OBSERVE CANNULA**
One of the following signs is evident: • slight pain near IV site OR • slight redness near IV site	1	Possible first signs of phlebitis **OBSERVE CANNULA**
TWO of the following are evident • pain at IV site • redness • swelling	2	Early stage of phlebitis **RESITE CANNULA**
ALL of the following signs are evident and extensive: • pain along path of cannula • redness around site • swelling	3	Medium stage of phlebitis **RESITE CANNULA** **CONSIDER TREATMENT**
ALL of the following signs are evident and extensive: • pain along path of cannula • redness around site • swelling • palpable venous cord	4	Advanced stage of phlebitis or the start of thrombophlebitis **RESITE CANNULA** **CONSIDER TREATMENT**
ALL of the following signs are evident and extensive: • pain along path of cannula • redness around site • swelling • palpable venous cord • pyrexia	5	Advanced stage of thrombophlebitis **INITIATE TREATMENT** **RESITE CANNULA**