

# Monitoring peripheral venous cannulas for signs of infection

## How to record a VIP score for doctors

**Nursing Assessments / Investigations**

**1**

To record a new cannula or review one already inserted got to 'Oth Invs' tab 1 and select 'Cannula insertion' 2

**2**

**Check List**

- VTE Risk Assessment
- Diagnosis
- Co-morbidity Review
- Allergies
- Medications
- Follow-Up Plan
- Pathology Ack
- Radiology Ack
- Nurse Notes Complete
- Med unrit
- Sign Off
- AMTS N/A

**Create New**

NEW Score Observations 2 **OBS** Neuro Observations (GCS) - **OBS** **Cannula Insertion** **Current 1**

Sepsis Screening 1+ **View All**

Other Investigations not recorded on CPD (this text will appear in the Discharge Notification)

**2**

Discharge Status   **CoC** **WB Notes** **VTE** **Medication** **Clinical Desktop** **Clinical Audit** **Save and Close** **Close** **Save**

**Cannula**

**Select Cannula to be Edited**

**3**

**Cannula Insertion** **Save**

If patient has a cannula and no record of insertion **3** is then please note details below. Please update the date and inserted by fields.

\***Inserted By** LEA, Dr W (Houseman) [WLEA] \***On** 06-NOV-2017 09:36

\***Insertion Site** [antecubital fossa], [dorsum of hand], [forearm], [dorsum of foot], [lower leg - saphenous]

\***Side**  Left  Right

\***Reason** -Please Select-

**Notes**

Either complete for a new cannula or select current cannula 3

**Cannula**

**Cannula Insertion** **Save**

\***Inserted By** [REDACTED] \***On** 01-NOV-2017 05:23

\***Insertion Site** antecubital fossa

\***Side**  Left  Right

\***Reason** IV drugs

**Notes**

**Checks** **Perform Check / Removal**

**4**

When reviewing an already inserted cannula - once you have selected the cannula click 'perform check/Removal' 4

Checked On	Checked By	VIP Score	Flushed	Cannula Details	Notes
		0	No	Still Required: Yes Dressing Dry and Intact: Yes Dated: Yes Marked For Removal: No	-
04-NOV-2017 23:34	CALOMARDE MARTINEZ, S (Staff Nur)	0	No	Still Required: Yes Dressing Dry and Intact: Yes Dated: Yes Marked For Removal: No	-
03-NOV-2017 00:16	CALOMARDE MARTINEZ, S (Staff Nur)	0	No	Still Required: Yes Dressing Dry and Intact: Yes Dated: Yes	-

Cannula > Cannula Check

**Cannula Check** Save and Close Close

DAY 6: Inserted on 01-NOV-2017 05:23 into antecubital fossa (Right) by PARAUTHENTICATION, W (Nurse Aux) [PAR33A]. Reason: IV drugs.

\*Checked by [LEA; Dr W (House Officer) [WLEA]] \*Checked Date 06-NOV-2017

\*VIP Score -- Please select -- [VIP Score Guidance](#)

Notes

\*Flushed  Yes  No

\*Cannula Still Required  Yes  No

\*Cannula Requires Removal  Yes  No

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\* Select the appropriate VIP score following the link for guidance 5

Close

Visual Infusion Phlebitis Score			
IV site appears healthy	0	No signs of phlebitis	OBSERVE CANNULA
One of the following is evident <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• slight pain near IV site</li> <li>• slight redness near IV site</li> </ul>	1	Possibly first signs of phlebitis	OBSERVE CANNULA
Two of the following is evident <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pain at IV site</li> <li>• Erythema</li> <li>• Swelling</li> </ul>	2	Early stage of Phlebitis	RESITE CANNULA
All of the following are evident <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pain along path of cannula</li> <li>• Erythema</li> <li>• Induration (abnormal hardening)</li> </ul>	3	Medium stage of Phlebitis	RESITE CANNULA CONSIDER TREATMENT
All of the following are evident and extensive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pain along path of cannula</li> <li>• Erythema</li> <li>• Induration</li> <li>• Palpable venous cord</li> </ul>	4	Advanced stage of Phlebitis or start of thrombophlebitis	RESITE CANNULA CONSIDER TREATMENT
All of the following are evident and extensive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pain along path of cannula</li> <li>• Erythema</li> <li>• Induration</li> <li>• Palpable venous cord</li> <li>• Pyrexia</li> </ul>	5	Advanced stage of thrombophlebitis	INITIATE TREATMENT RESITE CANNULA