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Abstract:

There is a range of risk factors that can lead to peripheral intravenous (IV) cannula failure, and several failed cannulation attempts can result in the patient experiencing increased pain, discomfort and delays in receiving IV therapy. The Vessel Health and Preservation (VHP) framework is a tool that can be used to improve clinical decision-making and the patient experience in relation to vascular access and IV therapy.

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