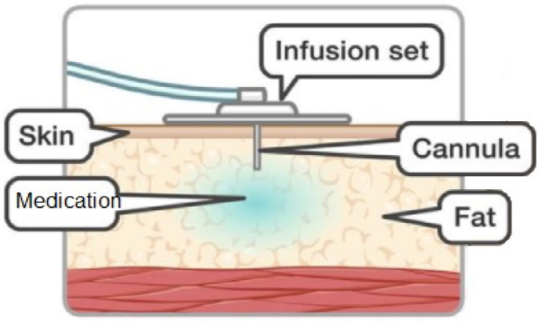
Diagnosis/Management of Pain at Infusion Site

Possible Causes*

- The cannula is too long
- Thin subcutaneous tissue
- Poor insertion technique
- Dislodged cannula



Considerations and Management

Pain at insertion of cannula +/- bruising but no other skin changes

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Ongoing pain – +/- bruising but no other skin changes

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Associated with other skin changes – redness, swelling, but no fever

Consider

- Monitoring after site change

Associated with fever +/- ANY skin changes

Consider

- Starting antibiotics and schedule a visit check



Expert insights video. Click to view
Lynne H. Robertson, Dermatologist

*Expert Opinion, Dr. Lynne H. Robertson, October 2024.

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Roles and Responsibilities: