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Successful retrieval of a fragmented catheter in the left ventricle with the Exeter Snare

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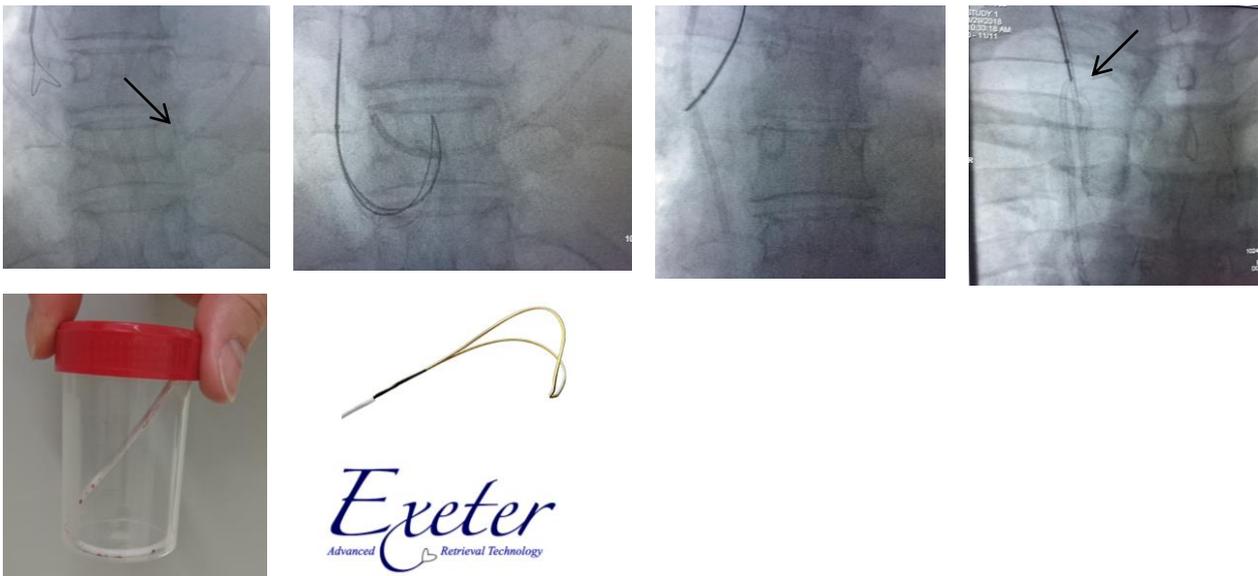
Introduction

Chemotherapy through port infusion is gold standard in oncology. It is safe and effective and the general incidence of complications are rare. Today we want to present a case of a fragmented / lost port catheter that was successfully retrieved by using the **Exeter Snare® (AndraTec, Germany)**

Case Report

A 56-year-old patient was transferred to the endovascular department. As we knew already about her condition we decided to directly start with the foreign body retrieval.

The decision was made to use a **10mm Exeter Snare® (AndraTec, Germany)**, recently introduced to us by our local representative. As the right Ventricle is quite a large vessel and moves a lot, the maneuver became cumbersome. After a while of unsuccessful catching maneuvers we changed the 10mm Exeter Snare to a **35mm Exeter Snare® (AndraTec, Germany)** which is able to fill out the space pretty well. Thanks to the extreme flexibility and maneuverability of this retrieval device, the catheter part was easily retrieved from this dangerous position.



Conclusion

We have learned that the diameter of the snare device should be adapted to the diameter of the vessel in order to achieve immediate success. The highly flexible and torquable **Exeter Snare®** and **Exeter Snare Micro® (AndraTec, Germany)** are very useful tools for this kind of emergency procedure. Please also note that the Exeter Snare has an excellent visibility, which helps a lot during the procedure.

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