

## **Profiles in patient safety: misplaced femoral line guidewire and multiple failures to detect the foreign body on chest radiography.**

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Using a case report, the authors discuss a series of errors and illustrate the concepts of [active](#) and [latent failures](#). They suggest systems-oriented improvements to both the technique and catheter kit used.