The Anesthesia Cartoon of the Month
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Abstract

QUESTION 1
What is the meaning of DDD on a pacemaker?

ANSWER 1
Check the table below for all abbreviations used in pacemakers. For more information click here!

QUESTION 2
What is the problem in this picture?

Figure 1

ANSWER 2
The apparently venous catheter was placed into an arterial vessel. This is a complication seen with central venous catheter insertions. We recommend the use of a finder needle and the check with a pressure monitor as described on the CD (Central Venous Catheters by Olivier Wenker) prior to insertion of the catheter. Complications include arterial bleeding, intra-arterial infusion of fluids and drugs via pressurized fluid bags, or embolism of arterial plaques/air bubbles with subsequent cerebral injury.
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