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Percutaneous transluminal angioplasty for treatment of subclavian and coronary artery steal syndrome

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SUMMARY. Percutaneous transluminal angioplasty is a well described technique for revascularization which has gained increasing acceptance for use in the aorta and branch vessels. We present a case in which a patient with a left internal mammary artery (LIMA) graft and proximal left subclavian artery stenosis, experiencing both coronary and subclavian artery steal, was successfully treated with balloon angioplasty.

To catch a swan: percutaneous removal of a Swan-Ganz catheter sutured to the pulmonary artery bifurcation

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SUMMARY. Inadvertent fixation of a Swan-Ganz catheter to a mediastinal structure with a suture during cardiac surgery is a rare but recognized complication. We describe a method for retrieving such a catheter with an Amplatx Goose Neck Snare.

Inferior vena caval thrombosis treated with prolonged thrombolysis and caval filtration

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SUMMARY. We report a case of inferior vena caval thrombosis which was treated successfully by prolonged intrathrombic infusion of recombinant tissue plasminogen activator, in combination with a temporary caval filter. Complete clot lysis occurred after 5 days of therapy without major complications. The current status of treatment of inferior vena caval thrombosis is briefly reviewed.