Azygos vein thrombosis secondary to a peripherally inserted central catheter

This case illustrates a rare complication of a peripherally inserted central catheter (PICC)” Sherif et al (2015).

Reference:

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Abstract:

PURPOSE: This case illustrates a rare complication of a peripherally inserted central catheter (PICC). PICCs are associated with a significantly increased risk of upper extremity deep vein thrombosis; however, there are currently no case reports of isolated thrombosis of the azygos vein secondary to a PICC.

CONCLUSIONS: With the well-documented increase in the use of PICCs for venous access we remind clinicians to consider this rare complication.

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