
Abstract:

Arrhythmias are common in hospitalized patients and during surgery. We present a case of positional atrial arrhythmia related to a peripherally inserted central catheter (PICC). There are other documented case reports of ventricular tachycardia precipitated by body position changes with a PICC. The immediate correction of the arrhythmia with repositioning of the PICC strongly points to the PICC as the cause. This highlights the potential seriousness of cardiac arrhythmias precipitated by PICCs as well as the need for careful catheter placement and perioperative maintenance. Practitioners should consider PICC line tip position as a rare cause of positional atrial arrhythmias.