



Rad to Rad Learning: Perforated Pacer Lead

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This patient has a normally functioning pacemaker, but where is the tip of this pacer lead?

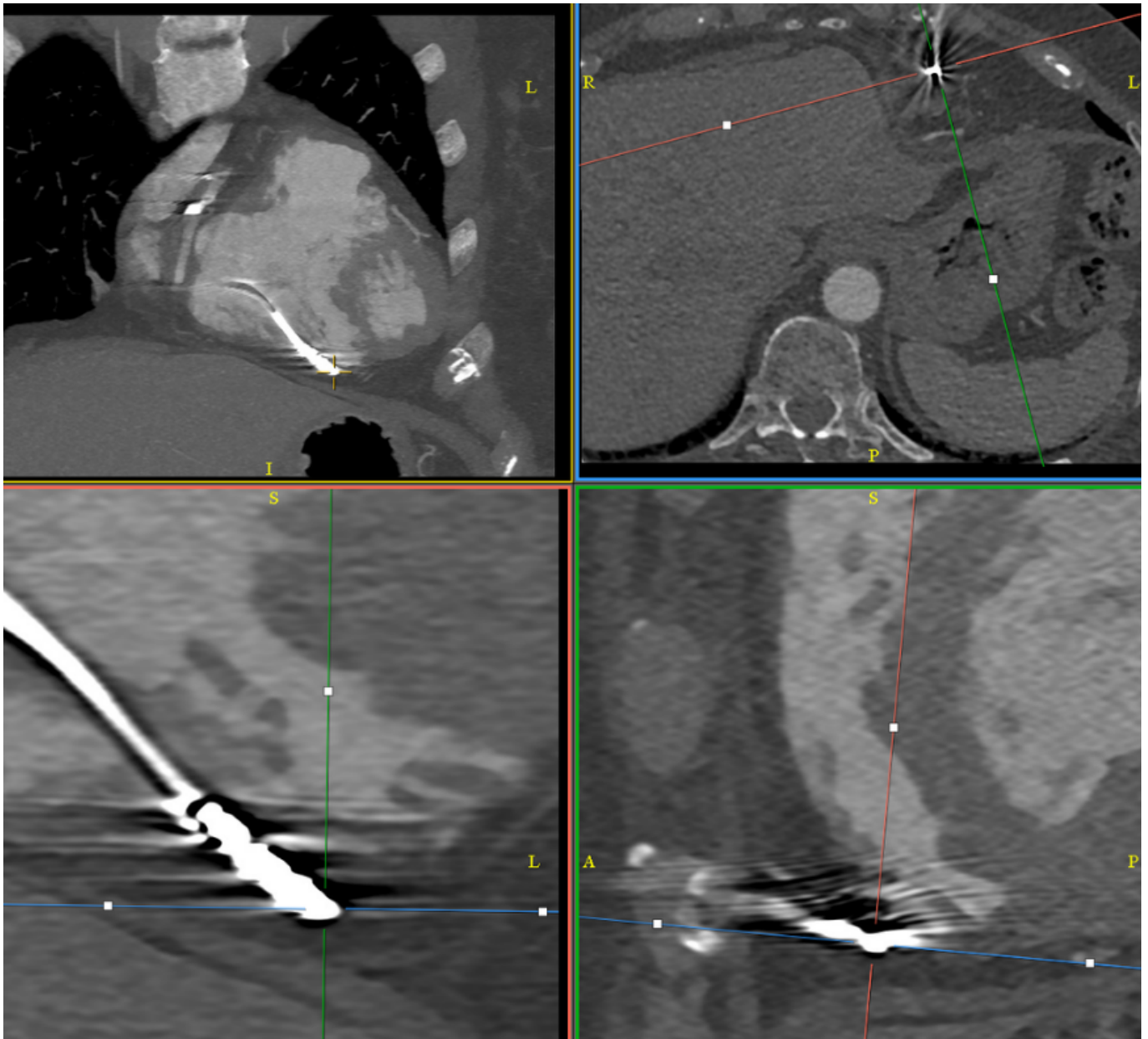
Artifacts present in standard axial views can make it difficult to localize the tips of pacer leads. Oblique MPRs should be used to clarify positioning.



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- **Even though pacer lead complications are rare, pacemakers are common devices.**
- **Devices may be functional even with perforation, but may result in complications on attempted lead placement.**



Takeaway: Lead perforation may not be clinically evident, but can be detected by imaging.

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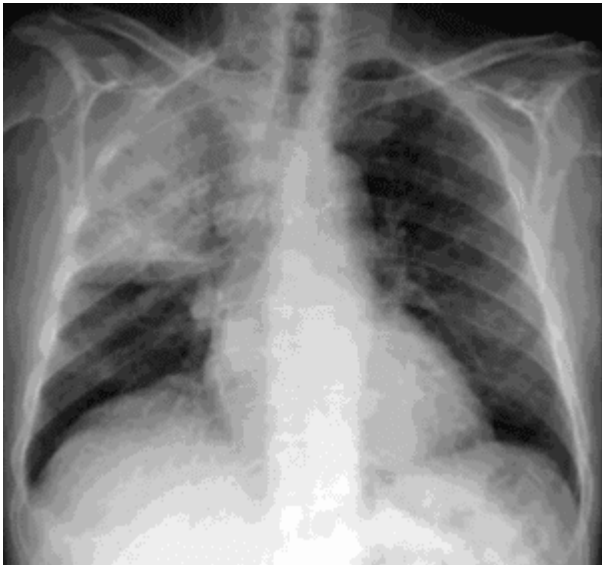
This is a routine outpatient chest x-ray that just showed up on your list at 4:45 pm on a Friday. What is the appropriate management?

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Practical Insights

- **Call the referring provider right away. Don't risk the report sitting in their inbox until Monday.**
 - **We're all familiar with critical findings that need to be communicated immediately like strokes or PEs, but it is also important to communicate more "routine" findings in a way that would prevent delays in treatment that could cause significant adverse outcomes.**
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Takeaway: Consider potential treatment delays in how you choose to communicate your findings.

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