Percutaneous tunnelled haemodialysis catheters prematurely falling out

We have previously circulated 3 reports of percutaneous tunnelled haemodialysis catheters falling out in 2010, 2011, and 2013.

A renal unit has reported further occurrences of catheters falling out.

There may be either device-related or technique-related causes for such episodes.

**Action**

- We would welcome feedback to whether any renal units have had recent experience of catheters prematurely falling out.

- If so, the following information would be valuable
  - Make of catheter (and batch number)
  - Whether these were partial or complete extrusion
  - Any observations about the cause(s)
  - Any adverse events that resulted

**Please submit comments, solutions, and personal experience to:**

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