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and inexpensive with mechanical tools and local anesthesia. However, there is no preprocedural data about contrast venography. The incidence of venous stenosis after transvenous implantation of a pacemaker varies between 20% and 50% (3, 4). Showing the venous course using a small amount of contrast may eliminate most of the difficulties (5). In the light of this knowledge, it might be beneficial to know whether contrast venography was performed before extraction.

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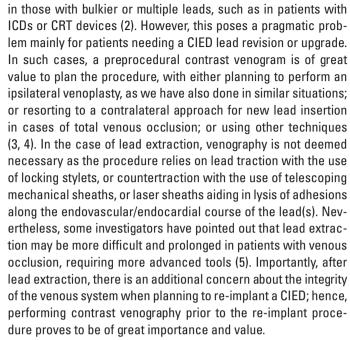
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To the Editor,

We appreciate our colleagues' feedback on our article on lead extraction using the lead-locking device (LLD) system (1) and their comment that brings up the issue about the usefulness of contrast venography in preparation for the lead extraction procedure.

As they point out, the incidence of venous stenosis or occlusion is relatively high in patients with a CIED in place, especially



We thank our colleagues for raising this important issue.

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