

CLINIPICS

Acute ischemia by radial artery cannulation

Acute ischemia of the thumb caused by radial artery cannulation. Once diagnosed, the first treatment is the removal of the arterial line; after compression, ischemia should recede in less than a few hours; otherwise, urgent surgical consultation becomes

mandatory. The left picture shoes ischemia of the thumb after radial artery cannulation. The circulation to the thumb was restored after removal of the cannula (right picture).



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