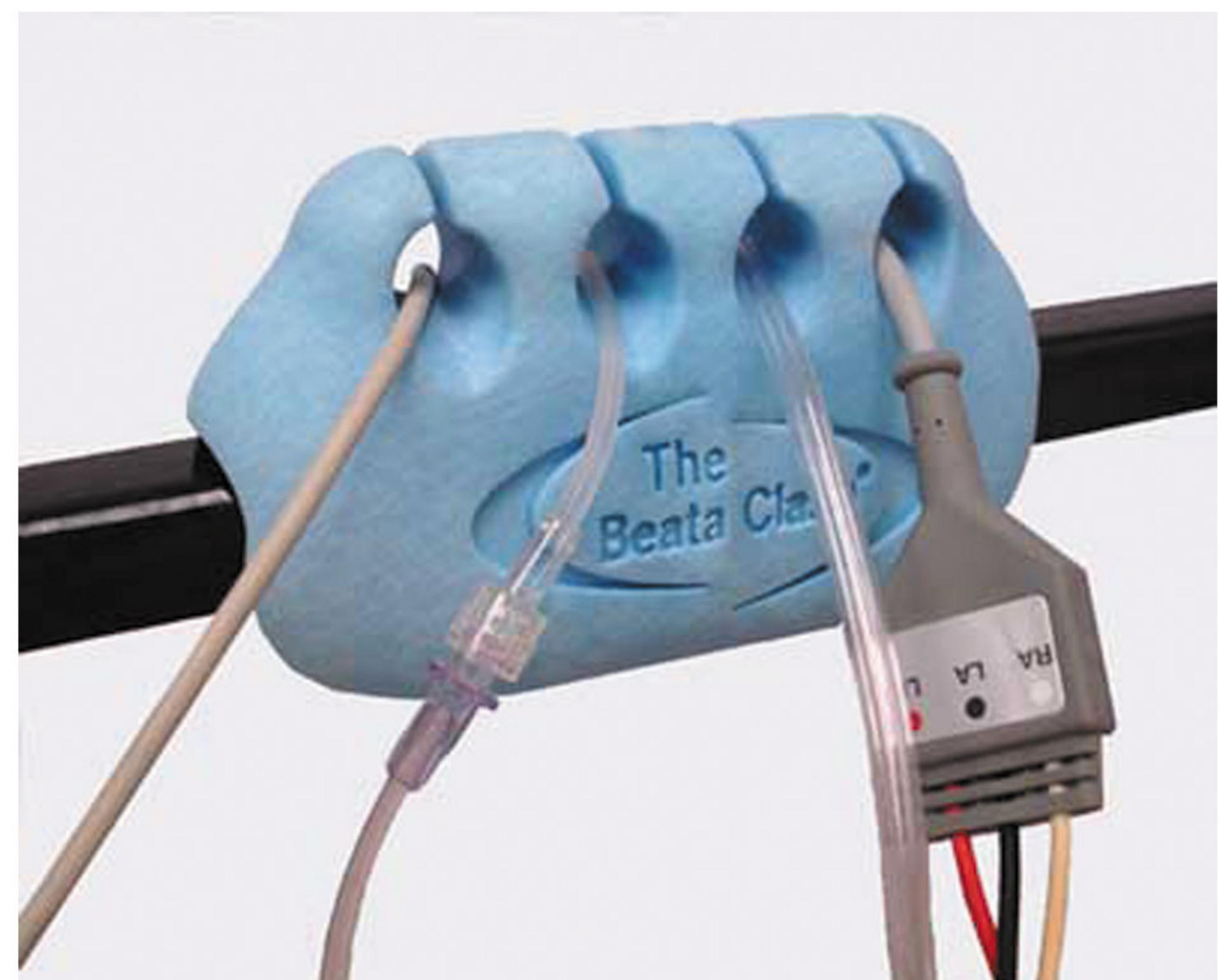


# MISCONNECTIONS

## NURSING INTERVENTIONS TO PREVENT MISCONNECTIONS

1. Always trace a tube or catheter from the patient to the point of origin before connecting any new device or infusion.
2. Line Reconciliation: Recheck connection and trace all patient tubes & catheters to their sources upon patient's arrival to a new setting or service as part of the hand-off process.
3. Whenever possible, route tubes & catheters having different purposes in different standardized directions.
  - a. IV lines routed toward the head
  - b. Enteric lines toward the feet
4. Inform non-clinical staff, patients, and family that they must get help from clinical staff whenever there is a real or perceived need to connect or disconnect devices or infusions.
5. Label epidural, intrathecal and arterial catheters.
6. Use oral medication syringes to deliver medication; do not use a standard luer syringe for oral medications or enteric feedings.



*The Beata Clasp provides a visual prompt that promotes 'Intuitive Compliance' during hand off communication.*

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