

# Can't Remove Pusher Rod

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**Issue:** Difficult to remove the Pusher (particularly the guide-wire) from the disc after implantation

**Cause:** The distal end of the wire is very stiff and needs to bend pretty flat to be removed – this can be challenging particularly in short discs

**Prevention:** Use the bottle-cap technique with the black Retraction Wedge while the Delivery Tool is still assembled

**Solution:**

- Two-hand technique: One proximal, one distal
- Put strike-cap back on (more leverage)
- Use Mallet as a slap-hammer (with the strike-cap on)

