Endoscopic clipping has been used previously to assist in the positioning of self-expanding esophageal stents [5]. We applied endoscopic clips (HX-3L, Olympus, Hamburg, Germany) at the cranial and caudal ends of a metallic stent used in the treatment of patients with obstructing left colonic tumors (Figures 1, 2). We did not encounter any stent migration in three patients in whom this technique was applied, with uncovered Ultraflex stents being used in all patients. We feel that endoscopic clips can be used effectively to prevent migration of self-expanding metal stents.

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