

INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY

What is Interventional Radiology?

Interventional Radiology provides treatments and procedures that are minimally invasive using imaging guidance (X-ray, CT, Ultrasound and MRI). These treatments and procedures are an advance in medicine that can replace open surgical procedures. They are generally easier for the patient because they involve no large incisions, less risk, less pain, and shorter recovery times.

What is Interventional Radiology used for?

In an Interventional Radiology clinic patients can be seen for Venous Ablation (for venous insufficiency and varicose veins), angiography (for peripheral vascular disease), Fistula gram (for treatment of dialysis access complications), Uterine Fibroid Embolization (for treatment of symptomatic uterine fibroids), Steroid Epidural (for treatment of back pain and spinal stenosis) and Vertebroplasty (for pain management treatment of spinal fractures caused by osteoporosis). Other services can include evaluation and consultation, Radiofrequency Ablation (for treatment of liver tumors), Regional Cancer Treatments and Vascular Radiology

Who is the Interventional Radiologist?

An Interventional Radiologist is a medical doctor who has completed four years of study in Radiology. The physician is then eligible to take the board examination given by the American Board of Radiology. Following board certification, the Interventional Radiologist completes an Interventional Radiology fellowship training program. Today, there are about 4,000 Interventional Radiologists in the US, mainly practicing in academic medical centers and in larger community hospitals.