

Preface

The field of interventional radiology is a dynamic one, driven by the creativity and ingenuity of its practitioners. At its core, the field of interventional radiology is based on needles, guidewires, and catheters. With these tools, we can delve into the human body to diagnose and treat disease processes. In some case, we can even cure patients of their disease. I know of no other field in medicine that offers such satisfaction, excitement, and potential.

The purpose of this text is to provide basic principles and techniques of commonly performed nonvascular interventions of the abdomen. There are other more comprehensive texts that explore the latest and greatest that interventional radiology has to offer. This is not one of them. Instead, this book is intended to provide a foundation in the “when’s, why’s, and how’s” of commonly performed nonvascular interventional radiology procedures of the abdomen. The chapters in this textbook are presented with this rationale in mind. Ultimately, the goal of this book is to be a handy and useful reference point for residents, fellows, and established radiologists who practice interventional radiology on a daily basis.

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