
Preface

This book is designed to provide the practicing interventionalist with a comprehensive list of procedural reports that cover the vast majority of the currently performed interventional procedures outside the cardiac system, with up-to-date explanatory notes, synopsis of the indications, and potential complications in an organized and practical format that follows the various-body systems and progresses from the simple image-guided fine needle aspiration to the most complex procedures, incorporating at the same time the current societal guidelines. The book is divided for the ease of reference into three main parts: nonvascular, vascular, and neurovascular interventional procedures. This information is not currently available in any single publication.

The resident, the fellow, as well as the staff member will benefit from this unique, quickly accessible, detailed, and user-friendly resource for the documentation of image-guided interventional procedures that will facilitate their tasks, improve the standard of documentation, and reduce mistakes. The entries are vetted by recognized experts in the field of image-guided intervention.

There has been an exponential increase in the number and variety of image-guided interventions over the last decades, with increasing complexity in the vascular and nonvascular domains. Such wide variety and complexity comes with added obligations on the interventional team to ensure appropriate patient care. The interventional procedure report must be written in a timely manner and is a valuable and essential part of the patient's medical record. It should document the management decision process, including the indications and contraindications as well as the details of the procedure itself and post-procedural care. By doing so, communication with all members of the healthcare team is assured and clarity of the treatment pathway is detailed. Any subsequent management steps could then be decided in the light of the full record. In addition, the record of the procedure ensures appropriate reimbursement and reduces the possibility of any medico-legal issues resulting from the ambiguity in documentation.

This book is therefore a must-have for residents and fellows undergoing training and all specialists in image-guided intervention.

It is with a great deal of pride that we complete the first edition of this useful reference in the hope that it will encourage future generations of

interventionalists to develop mutually productive relationships with other care providers.

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Note: The blank spaces and underlining that you will notice in each chapter indicate the items in the documentation that will vary depending upon the specific situation, for example: size of gauge, amount of radiation dose, amount of time, amount of fluid, etc. The chapters in the table of content are arranged alphabetically.



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