

Interventional Radiology





Interventional radiology (IR) is the department where highly specialized procedures are performed. A wide range of conditions are treated in IR. IR uses various small tools such as catheters and wire. IR can also use imaging to help obtain biopsies of different parts of the body. IR procedures can sometimes help avoid surgeries. General anesthesia or other medications maybe used to help the patient be comfortable.

How to Prepare

- Arrange for a driver to bring and take you to your appointment.
- You will be asked to come fully bathed and asked to fast for 6-8 hours.
 - You may be asked to use a special soap when you bath.
- You will be asked to undress and wear a gown.
- The entire examination will take up to an hour or more depending on the complexity.
- You may be instructed not to take certain medications prior to the procedure.

What to Expect During the Procedure

- Prior to your appointment the IR coordinator will discuss your procedure with you.

After the Exam

- You must have a responsible person take you home after your procedure.
- The images are reviewed and interpreted by a physician called a radiologist.
- A report will be sent to your healthcare provider.
- Your healthcare provider will discuss your results with you.