

A Letter from the Radiologist

SPECIALIZED PATIENT CARE DURING INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY PROCEDURES



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June, 2009— Interventional Radiology (IR) is a subspecialty in which minimally invasive procedures are performed using image guidance. The use of modalities such as fluoroscopy, ultrasound, CT, or MRI helps the radiologist identify the site of interest without the use of surgery. Olympic Radiology offers a variety of interventional procedures in the comfort of our outpatient facility.

Image guided biopsy is one of the most commonly performed IR procedures. Olympic Radiology's use of CT or ultrasound guidance allows the radiologist to observe the biopsy needle in real time as it approaches and reaches the target lesion within the patient's body. This significantly shortens procedure times and increases diagnostic accuracy.

Though minimally invasive, biopsies and other interventional procedures can cause anxiety for some patients. Olympic Radiology recognizes that no two patients or procedures are alike, and strives to provide a level of service specific to each individual. Our staff is patient focused and sensitive to their medical needs. The radiologist reviews the patient history with our staff nurse prior to the study to customize the procedure. Our nurse is available for pre- and post- procedure consultations, conscious sedation (if necessary), and monitoring during and after the procedure in our recovery room.

In addition to biopsies, Olympic Radiology provides the following interventional services: joint and bursal injections, intrathecal chemotherapy injections, thoracentesis, paracentesis, and cyst aspiration. Physicians and patients both have commented on the extraordinary level of service Olympic Radiology provides to patients during interventional procedures. We are pleased to be able to bring this service to the community.

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