



Shantanu Warhadpande, Alex Lionberg, Kyle J. Cooper (Eds): Pocketbook of Clinical IR: a Concise Guide to Interventional Radiology

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This is a white-coat companion, mainly devoted to residents and beginners who approach the discipline, being also useful as a quickly available refreshing book. It must be highlighted that in interventional radiology, manual skills and experience are more important than a theoretical knowledge. Furthermore, before taking a difficult and dangerous medical action, a beginner has to learn deeply from textbooks and extensively from a professional training all the technical, anatomical, and clinical issues mandatory before starting a practice that can do harm. Nevertheless, this agile publication is perfect as reassuring ally before each interventional exam that has to be performed, being also useful as immediately available parachute in conditions of urgent need (hopefully never). More usually, this book may play an important role to create knowledge, confidence, and first awareness to all trainees involved in interventional radiology, including nuclear physicians interested in invasive radionuclide therapy. Having been patronized by the Society of Interventional Radiology, this pocketbook has to be considered a concise guide for all professionals interested in these procedures.

The editors are Shantanu Warhadpande and Alex Lionberg, residents in radiology respectively at the University of Pittsburgh and Chicago, together with Kyle Cooper, an assistant professor at the Loma Linda University. Their goal, didactically achieved, has been to create conditions to intelligently make understood disease processes in which IR can

play a role. Furthermore, a solid clinical foundation to underlying pathologies and procedures, in a field in which is also important the acquisition of technical as well as clinical skills, may be acquired.

This concise and agile paperback also contains a complimentary access to a digital copy on <https://medone.thieme.com>. The book is structured in the following 13 chapters, enclosed in 240 pages, including 165 illustrations, graphs, table, and cartoons: (1) The Basics of Interventional Radiology; (2) Tools of the Trade; (3) Vascular Access; (4) Lines, Tubes, and Drains; (5) Emergency Interventional Radiology; (6) Hepatobiliary Pathology; (7) Oncology; (8) Arterial Disease; (9) Venous Disease; (10) Dialysis Access and Interventions; (11) Genitourinary Disease; (12) Neurointerventional Radiology; (13) Pediatric Interventional Radiology.

Using a very simple and compact editorial structure, this publication reaches all its goals that are the provision of an updated background in the most important diseases encountered in IR. Furthermore, through this book, it is possible to learn insightful clinical algorithms providing guidance on how the IR procedures fit into the whole diagnostic and/or therapeutic strategy.

For all the reasons reported above, I suggest this book to beginners and experts in IR.

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