Early Years, Current Status and Future of Interventional Radiology

Abstract

Introduction: Interventional Radiology (IR) developed from diagnostic radiology.

IR defined as a manipulative procedure controlled and followed under imaging guidance predominantly therapeutic and primarily diagnostic. Since Charles Dotter concluded that “The angiographic catheter can be more than a tool for passive means for diagnostic observation, used with imagination, it can become an important surgical instrument” in 1963, The IR has moved a long way to become a cornerstone to many clinical pathways across a very broad spectrum of specialty areas.

This presentation will highlight the milestones of IR. It explains what are the advantages of the IR and why do need good interventional radiology.