



# Patient Information

## Interventional Radiology

### **What is Interventional Radiology?**

Interventional radiology (abbreviated to IR or VIR for Vascular and Interventional Radiology) is a medical subspecialty of radiology that uses minimally invasive image-guided procedures to diagnose and treat diseases in nearly every organ system including, but not limited to vascular, gastrointestinal, hepatobiliary, genitourinary, pulmonary, musculoskeletal, and the central nervous system.

The concept behind interventional radiology is to diagnose and treat patients using the least invasive techniques available to minimise risk, improve health outcomes and overall recovery time.

### **What preparation is required?**

If you will be receiving intravenous sedation, it is important that you do not eat or drink anything after midnight prior to the exam. Any medications can still be taken with only a small amount of water. Otherwise no special preparation is required. When booking your procedure, a specialist will explain all preparation required prior to the examination and also what time you will be required to arrive.

On the day of the procedure you will also have the opportunity to talk to your Qscan Radiologist about the preparation details before your procedure and also the details post the procedure.

After the procedure you will also be brought into a recovery room for observation and if you are going home afterwards, discharge instructions will be given to you.

### **What happens during my Interventional Radiology Procedure?**

The technologist will position you on the exam table, usually lying flat on your back. They may place monitors on you to measure your blood pressure, heart rate and oxygen level. They may also place an intravenous (IV) in your arm for medications and if a sedative or anesthetic is planned, you will be sedated for the procedure. The technologist will be available for you to ask any questions prior and after the procedure too.

### **How long with the test take?**

The duration of an interventional radiology procedure will vary depending what procedure is required. The Qscan Customer Service Team will advise you of the duration for your procedure at the time of booking your appointment.

### **How much does an Interventional Radiology procedure cost?**

The cost of your Interventional procedure varies according to your medical requirements. For further clarification on expected costs associated with your examination, please call one of our friendly Qscan staff.

### **Where can I go for Interventional Radiology procedures?**

Qscan Radiology Clinics have a range of convenient clinics located throughout South-East Queensland including: Annerley, Carindale, Cleveland, Everton Park, Mater Private Clinic, Mermaid Waters, Redcliffe, Southport and Windsor.

For further details please call one of our friendly Qscan staff on **1300 177 226**