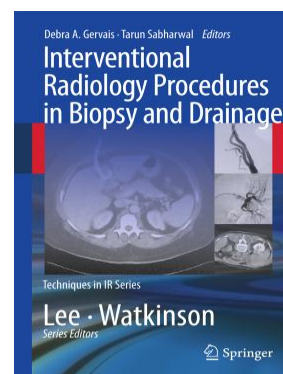


Interventional Radiology Procedures in Biopsy and Drainage

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This book forms part of a series providing technique specific information on interventional radiology procedures. Series editors are Professor Michael Lee (Dublin) and Dr Tony Watkinson (Exeter). Essentially all of the books in this series are detailed handbooks with an emphasis on practical aspects of case management, indications, complications and technique. The information is readily accessible for day-to-day usage in the interventional or imaging department.

The techniques covered within the book largely relate to biopsy and drainage procedures – the “bread and butter” of interventional radiology. There are 22 chapters covering a variety of different biopsy and drainage procedures, including percutaneous biliary drainage, cholecystostomy, nephrostomy and ureteric stenting, gastrostomy and gastro-jejunostomy.

Each chapter is set out in a uniform way with similar headings such as clinical features, diagnostic evaluation, pre-procedure imaging, indications, contra-indications, anatomy, equipment, procedure and post-procedure care. The information is presented in a very clear and readable fashion. Most chapters are well endowed with images and diagrams to aid understanding.

With 11 separate chapters on biopsy techniques the uniform structure of each chapter will necessarily lead to a degree of repetition. However, this is not a criticism as it is likely that this book will be used as a handy reference source and all of the information required for the safe and efficient performance of a procedure is contained within each individual chapter. In my opinion the book will be useful for trainees and consultants alike. It should be kept within the interventional suite for reference purposes, or available for all those performing ultrasound and CT guided procedures.

Small criticisms would include the relative lack of figures and diagrams within the bone biopsy chapter where techniques are named but, in my view, not adequately described. In addition, one or two figures do not appear to correspond to their description in the main text.

These small issues aside, this is an excellent, well presented and readable reference book and will be found in the interventional suite of my own hospital. It is essential reading for trainees. The editors are to be congratulated for this and the other books in the series and, in particular, for assisting in the day-to-day practice of interventionalists.

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