

YOUR IR PATHWAY

A step-by-step guide to consulting an interventional radiologist

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Recognise your health concerns

Pay attention to your symptoms and how they affect your daily life. This helps your doctor understand what's happening and decide if interventional radiology may be right for you.

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Learn about interventional radiology

Explore IRSA's **patient resources** to understand what interventional radiology is and the types of procedures that may help. This knowledge will prepare you for discussions with your GP, specialist, and interventional radiologist.

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Talk to your GP or specialist

Your GP or treating specialist is the one who can provide a referral to an interventional radiologist. They will:

- Assess your symptoms.
- Organise any initial tests or scans.
- Decide if referral to an IR is appropriate.

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Find an interventional radiologist

With your referral, you can book an appointment. Use IRSA's **Dr Finder tool** to locate an interventional radiologist near you.

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Get ready for your appointment

Bring your referral letter, recent imaging, a list of medications, and any other relevant health information. Being prepared helps your doctor give you the best care.

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Meet your interventional radiologist

At your appointment, your IR will:

- Review your scans and referral.
- Explain your treatment options.
- Discuss risks, benefits, and what to expect.
- Together, you'll decide on the most suitable treatment plan.