

## **MEDIA ALERT**

### **Register Now for Interventional Radiology Annual Scientific Meeting Research on Advances in Nonsurgical Treatments to Be Presented**

#### **Press Conferences Scheduled for Friday, March 2 and Monday, March 5**

- WHAT:** 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Society of Interventional Radiology
- WHEN:** Thursday, March 1 – Tuesday, March 6, 2007
- WHERE:** Washington State Convention and Trade Center, Press Room 211  
Seattle, Washington
- TOPICS:** **Back Pain** – Research on two minimally invasive spine treatments for pain will be presented—one for neck pain using steroid injections and one for vertebral fractures caused by osteoporosis. The vertebroplasty study followed 880 consecutive patients for four years.

**Renal Cancer** – Interventional radiologists can deliver treatments for cancer directly to the tumor without significant systemic side effects or damage to nearby normal tissue, improving patient's quality of life and dramatically reducing tumor-related pain. Research explores cryoablation—freezing tumors internally.

**Male Infertility** – Among infertile couples, 30 percent of the men have a varicocele, an enlarged vein in the scrotum and/or testicle. New six-year data of 940 patients undergoing a nonsurgical interventional radiology treatment for this under-diagnosed cause of infertility will be presented.

**Bone Tumors** – Research shows a new treatment allows interventional radiologists to kill benign osteoid osteomas without surgery, relieving patient's pain.

**Traumatic Aortic Injuries** – This study of 102 trauma patients compares the nonsurgical treatment to open surgery for the repair of the thoracic aorta. Researchers explore the reduction of paralysis—a risk of surgery.

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