



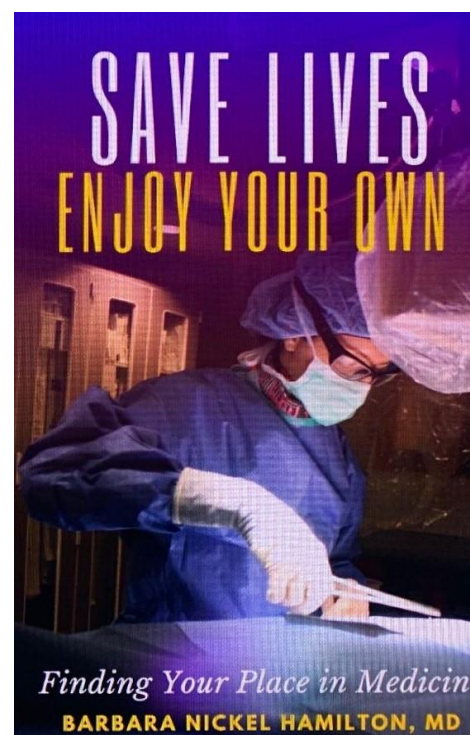
Women in IR News

Inaugural edition: Fall 2020

Introducing the Early Career Section Women in Interventional Radiology committee!

Thanks to the commitment of Dr. Natosha Monfore and her desire to empower and connect women IRs early in their careers, ECS will soon be home to its own committee of early career women in IR. Aiming to smooth the transition from trainee to attending and help women in IR take the next steps along their chosen career paths, the ECS WIR committee is dedicated to facilitating mentorship, sponsorship and partnership within the field. For more information and to join this committee, email volunteer@sirweb.org.

Join WIR in congratulating Dr. Barbara Hamilton, past chair of WIR, on being a recipient of the AMA Inspiration Award and the upcoming launch of her book *Save Lives, Enjoy Your Own: Finding Your Place in Medicine*. Focusing on the difficulty of choosing a specialty and the added challenge of being a female physician pursuing a male dominated, surgically oriented specialty, Dr. Hamilton hopes to inspire women to find their path and build a fulfilling career. Preorder a signed copy at payhip.com/b/7V2a or request a sponsored copy of the book at tiredsuperhero.com/join-the-launch.



The 5th Annual Northeast Regional VIR Symposium hosted by Brown's Alpert Medical School held its first Women in IR panel on September 27th, 2020 with over 160 participants. Panelists Dr. Erica Alexander, Dr. Theresa Caridi, Dr. Kirema Garcia-Reyes, Dr. Barbara Hamilton, Dr. Janice Newsome and Brown IR residents Dr. Lisa Rauschert and Dr. Jessica Yoon spoke about their paths to IR, seeking mentorship, women in leadership roles, work-life harmony, overcoming challenges and their advice for women interested in IR and other male dominated fields. The symposium recording is available online for any who were not able to attend: brownir.com/symposium-2020.

Upcoming events

Mid-November: WIR RFS virtual mentorship meet-up

Dec. 1-3: British Society of Interventional Radiology (BSIR) annual meeting (virtual)

Mid-December: WIR webinar: Work-life integration

Feb. 3-6: Society of Interventional Oncology (SIO) annual meeting (virtual)

Mar. 20-25: SIR 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting (virtual)



Meridith J. Englander, MD, FSIR

Dr. Meredith Englander is the recipient of the inaugural Women in IR Champion Award, honoring the substantial contributions she has made to promoting diversity and equality in the field of interventional radiology. She cofounded the Women in IR section and served as section chair from 2015-2018.

In her efforts to address the unique challenges faced by women in IR, Dr. Englander remains actively involved in many initiatives to empower women to achieve their goals and to ensure that their contributions to the field of IR are valued. She published the SIR position statement on parental leave and is working to create a speakers' bureau to help conference organizers connect with women to present and participate in panel discussions. The Women in IR section congratulates Dr. Englander on all she has accomplished and thanks her for serving as an inspiration to us all.

Nominations for the 2022 Women in IR Champion Award will open next year and can be found on the [WIR Champion Award page](#).

Get involved with WIR!

Wikipedia profiles:

Help write and/or review biographies about the contributions WIR have made to interventional radiology. To help or nominate a WIR to be profiled, email sir.rfs.wir@gmail.com.

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