PRACTICE DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

SIR funded Neiman HPI publication on defining IRs

A study from the Harvey L. Neiman Health Policy Institute (HPI), supported by the Society of Interventional Radiology (SIR), "A Claims-Based Method for Identification and Characterization of Practicing Interventional Radiologists" published in the Journal of Vascular and Interventional Radiology, found that seventy-six percent of interventional radiologists (IRs) identified using a research method were mislabeled as diagnostic radiologists in Medicare data. This finding means that IRs are largely unidentifiable in healthcare claims data, widely used for population health and health services research. The HPI and IR research team developed and tested a method to identify IRs in claims data, an alternative to the inadequate specialty variable in claims. Their approach was to find all diagnostic radiologists and IRs in the data and evaluate each radiologist’s billed clinical work for the percentage requiring interventional radiology fellowship training. Identified IRs were compared with sources of radiologist specialty information, including SIR membership data, to estimate how well the method correctly identified true interventional radiologists without falsely identifying diagnostic radiologists as IRs.

SIR Business Institute

The Society of Interventional Radiology presented the third successful year of the Business Institute, which was very well-attended. This phenomenal 1-day symposium took place in Salt Lake City, UT. The developmental course aims to raise the business acumen of IRs who are within a private practice, OBL, or are planning to open one. Topics included cyber security, marketing/social media, HR/practice management, legal jeopardy, business finance basics, supply chain, access to capital, the ins and outs of IR revenue cycle performance, and much more.

Access Business Institute Virtual Series On-demand here

SIR Connect Town Hall- Small and Rural Practice Committee

The SIR Small & Rural Practice Committee held a successful Town Hall event at the SIR Annual Scientific Meeting on March 24, 2024 in Salt Lake City. Panelists were interventional radiologists with experience working in and developing IR services in small and rural practices across the United States. They shared perspectives, ideas, and advice with the audience in a live Q&A format. Topics addressed included: the challenges of acquiring equipment and resources and ways to overcome these, strategies for C-suite discussions with hospital administrators, marketing ideas, tips for implementing new IR services from scratch, and the unique rewards of providing cutting-edge procedures to medically underserved communities.

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Doctor Finder

Doctor Finder is the most comprehensive database of interventional radiologists practicing in the United States and internationally. Doctor Finder only includes information on those practicing interventional radiologists who are SIR members, allowing patients to use the search fields based on geographic location or by state or country. Doctor Finder FAQs

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