

Possibilities in Interventional Therapy: What Are the Limits?

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The question is not what can you do (or what are the limits) in interventional therapy, it is what should you do. As medicine deals with increasing demands and shrinking budgets, there are several broad trends that are part of the response:

1. A shift of more of the diagnostic and management burden to patients and families
2. A shift of procedure sites to less expensive (and more convenient) settings
3. The development of procedures that can be performed in less time, with fewer and less expensive personnel and with equal or better results

But technology is providing us with more and better solutions to present problems along with ways to treat previously untreatable problems. How do we choose? How do we fund? How do we evaluate, communicate, and educate? What are the possibilities and limits?