

# Interventional Radiology Clinics (IRC)

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## Background

Interventional radiologists are clinicians practising image guided therapy. Patient selection, counselling, perioperative care and postoperative follow up are just as important as the procedure. The IRC at QMH is set up to emphasize on these aspects of patient care.

## Workflow

Monthly IRC sessions are run by 3 interventionists and 1 specialist nurse in a dedicated consultation room within the radiology department

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Patient information (e.g. HKSIR fact sheets) are distributed prior to the visit

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Indications, procedures, risks and alternatives are explained during the consultation. Questions related to the procedure are answered

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Pertinent imaging reviewed with the patient to enhance understanding

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Focused bedside ultrasound scans can be performed

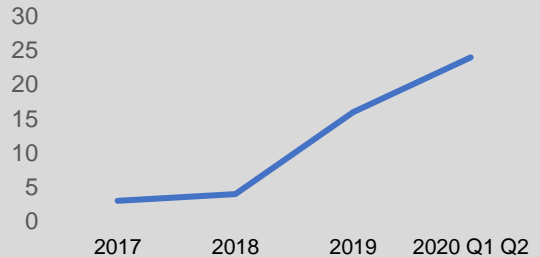
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Further investigations (blood tests, imaging) and specialty referrals are arranged where appropriate

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Informed consent is obtained

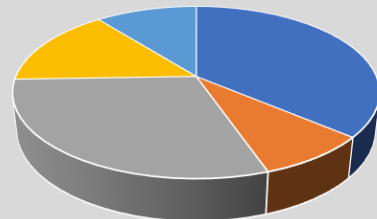
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The consultation summary and pre-operative management is documented on Clinical Management System (CMS) under a dedicated clinic code

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Selected patients are followed up post-operatively to evaluate response and need for further intervention.

## Number of patients



## Disease spectrum



■ Gynaecological ■ Oncological ■ Vascular  
■ Muskuloskeletal ■ Others

## Conclusions

Interventional radiologists are well positioned to determine if procedures are indicated or feasible, to explain the procedures and address related patient concerns. Clinics provide a good opportunity for such communications and foster a beneficial doctor-patient relationship.

IRCs, along with other complementary services like inpatient clinical consults and ward follow-ups, consolidate the role of IR as an indispensable member of a multidisciplinary clinical team.

