WHAT IS INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY?
Interventional Radiology is a medical sub-specialty of radiology, utilizing minimally invasive image-guided procedures to diagnose and treat a host of diseases in nearly every organ system. These procedures involve the use of X-rays, CAT scans, or Ultrasound guidance to help the radiologist perform the appropriate procedure requested by your physician. These procedures have less risk, less pain and less recovery time compared to open surgery. Procedures commonly performed by the Interventional Radiology team include biopsies, draining of abscesses, ablations, kyphoplasty and vertebroplasty, angiography, venous access, biliary and renal drains, peripheral interventions and steroid injections.

HOW DO I PREPARE FOR AN INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY PROCEDURE?
If any special instructions are required for your procedure, you will be contacted by a Radiology Nurse. Discuss with your physician or the professionals in the Radiology Department the need to withhold any of your regular medications. Inform your physician and the nurse of any allergies you may have.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE EXAM?
Depending on the type of procedure you are having, samples may be obtained, images taken, or treatment administered. The radiologist and nurse will give you a detailed description of your exam prior to, and on the day of, your procedure to help prepare and ensure understanding of what will be performed. A full team of professionals will be with you throughout your exam and post-procedure recovery.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE EXAM?
The recovery time varies with each procedure. You may resume your diet and medications as instructed by the physician or nurse. In-depth procedures may require an overnight stay in the hospital.

QUESTIONS?
If you have any questions or concerns about your exam, please call 913.676.2505 or e-mail smmcimaging@shawneemission.org.