

Computed Tomography-guided Interventional Procedures

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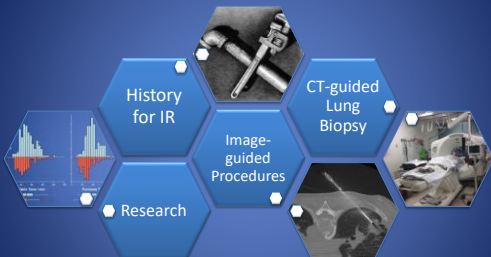
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Interventional Radiology - Scope of Practice

- Abdominal aortic aneurysms
- Abscess and other fluid drainages
- Angiography
- Angioplasty and stent placement
- Biliary obstruction
- Deep vein thrombosis
- Gastrostomy & other feeding tubes
- Gastrointestinal hemorrhage
- Hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia
- Hypertension and end-stage renal disease
- Infertility
- Liver disease/portal hypertension
- Lymphatic and venous disorders
- Mesenteric ischemia
- Needle biopsy
- Pediatrics
- Pelvic pain (chronic)
- Peripheral arterial disease
- Pulmonary embolism
- Stroke and carotid artery disease
- Trauma
- Tumor treatment
- Tuberos sclerosis
- Urinary tract obstruction
- Uterine fibroids
- Varicose veins
- Vascular malformations
- Venous access
- Vertebroplasty



Tools

Fig. 2. Diagram of the technique used. a) The artery punctured. The needle pushed against it. The leader inserted. b) The needle withdrawn and the artery compressed. c) The catheter threaded on to the leader. e) The catheter inserted into the artery. f) The leader withdrawn.

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Our Job

1. Localize target
2. Guide needle/probe/catheter to target
3. Avoid critical structures
4. Intervention

CT	Fluoroscopy
Ultrasound	MRI
Mammography	PET-CT


Outcomes

- Technical success
- Patient safety
- Procedure time
- Radiation dose

Ultrasound

- 1 Identify the target. Is the lesion visible on ultrasound?
- 2 Choose entry site
- 3 Real time trajectory to the lesion
 - Dependant on operator skill to line up lesion with needle trajectory on the same ultrasound plane
- 4 Adjust for patient breathing and organ motion

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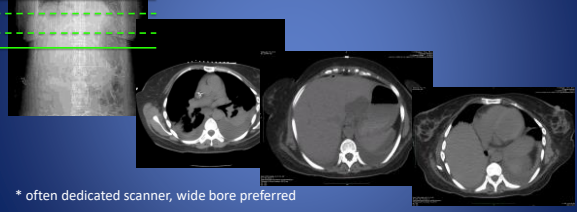
Fluoroscopy



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CT

Scout → Planning → Intervention → Post intervention



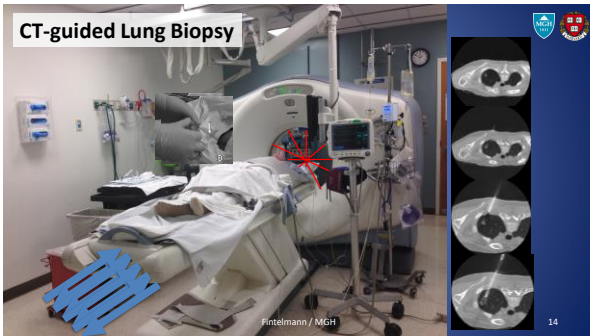
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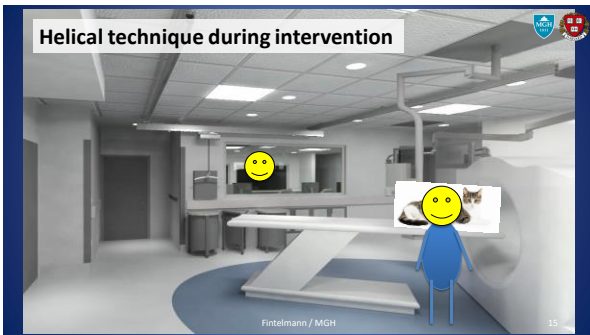
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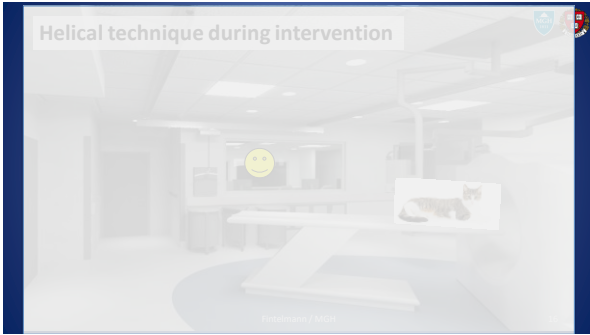
	CT	Fluoroscopy	Ultrasound	MRI
Cost	XX	XX	XXX	X
Visualize structures <1cm	XX	X	XXX	XX(X)
Visualize deep structures	XXX	XX	X	XX
Continuous image guidance	X	XX	XXX	XXX
3D image data	XXX	X	XX	XXX
Z axis coverage	XX	XXX	X	XX
Time resolution	X	XXX	XXX	XX

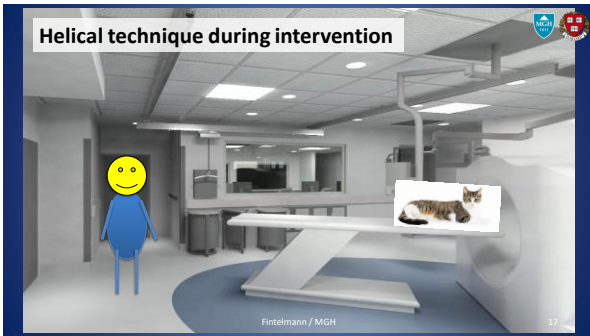
(X=least favorable)

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CT-guided Lung Biopsy

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“CT fluoroscopy” (≠ cone beam CT)

Intermittent fluoro

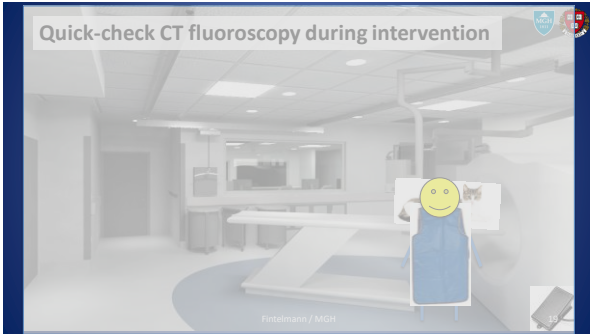
- Compared to helical, 50% less complications during lung biopsy. However,
 - ~200% + operator dose,
 - ~300% + patient dose

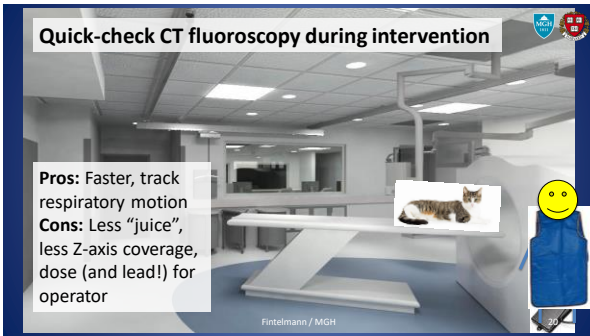
Single-slice (“real-time CT”, biopsy mode, quick-check)

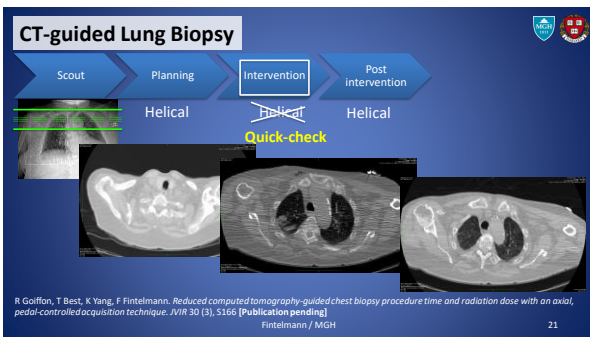
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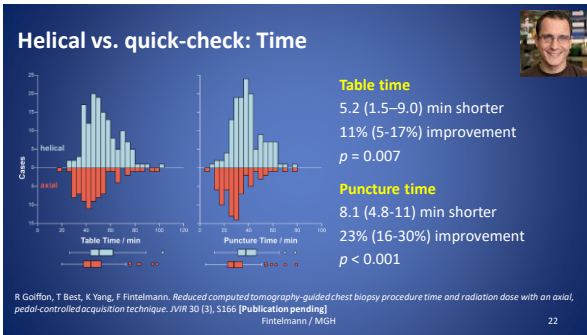
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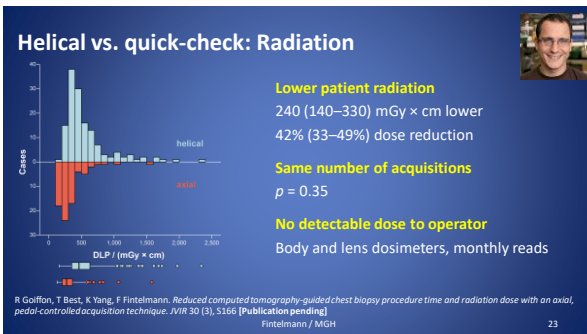
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The Future

- Navigational guidance
 - Image fusion (MRI, PET, US, CT)
 - Electronic needle visualization
 - Body global positioning system
- Ultra-low-dose CT fluoroscopy cf. *Radiology* 2019; 291:241–249
- Ablation volume planning
- Robotic-guidance
- Artificial Intelligence for procedure planning

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