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Common Interventional Procedures and Definitions

TIPS (transjugular intrahepatic portosystemic shunt)

A life-saving procedure to improve blood flow and prevent hemorrhage in patients with severe liver dysfunction.

Uterine fibroid embolization

Uterine fibroid embolization, also referred to as uterine artery embolization, is a minimally invasive interventional radiology treatment that cuts off the blood supply to the fibroids, causing them to shrink.

Varicocele embolization

A treatment for "varicose veins" in the scrotum, which can cause male infertility and pain.

Varicose Vein Treatment

The saphenous vein is sealed shut through the use of a laser or radio frequency non-surgically.

Vena cava filter

A tiny cage-like device that is inserted in a blood vessel to break up clots and prevent them from reaching the heart or lungs. Prevents pulmonary embolism.

Vertebroplasty

A pain treatment for fractured vertebra in which medical-grade bone cement is injected into the vertebra.

