Any organ can be treated by this relatively new medical technique: **Dr. Sambhaj**Friday, 25th July 2014

"Any organ in the body can be conveniently treated by by this new medical technique and that too without causing any trauma to the patient" claimed Dr. Charudutt Jayant Sambhaj – Consultant Diagnostic & Interventional Radiology, Manipal Hospitals during his talk on 'Interventional Radiology and Endovascular Surgery: Offering New Age Treatment Through a Scarless Pin Hole' held recently, as part of the regular Friday Health Talks at at The International Centre Goa, Dona Paula.

Dr. Sambhaj defined interventional radiology as a medical sub-speciality of radiology that utilises minimally invasive image-guided procedures to diagnose and treat diseases in nearly every organ of the body. The treatment involves least invasive techniques available in order to minimise the risk to the patient and improve the health outcomes. The procedures are performed using needles and narrow tubes or catheters which enter the body through a small pin-hole entry, rather than making large incisions into the body as in traditional surgery.

Many conditions that once required surgery can now be treated non-surgically by interventional radiology. This treatment in addition to minimising the physical trauma to the patient, reduces infection rates and recovery time and also shortens hospital stay. Many conditions such as brain stroke (prevention), varicose veins, peripheral vascular disease in diabetes and smokers, uncontrolled hypertension and uterine fibroids using can be successfully treated through this new age technique.

Dr. Sambhaj concluded with a discussion of interesting case studies carried out at Manipal Hospitals, Goa.

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