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## **Journal of Vascular and Interventional Radiology's Impact Remains Consistently High Over Past Five Years**

***SIR Flagship Publication Ranks in Top Third Among 87 Imaging Publications, According to Journal Citation Report***

FAIRFAX, Va.—The quality and influence of the Society of Interventional Radiology's Journal of Vascular and Interventional Radiology has remained consistent over the past five years, placing the society's flagship publication in the top third of 87 radiology, nuclear medicine and medical imaging journals, according to results from the Thomson Institute for Scientific Information's Journal Citation Report.

JVIR is ranked in the top third of all imaging journals based on its impact factor of 2.207 in 2007. It is ranked along with publications such as the Journal of Magnetic Resonance Imaging, Journal of Nuclear Cardiology and Molecular Imaging and Biology. The impact factor is a direct measure of the number of times material in a particular journal is cited in relation to the total number of manuscripts a journal publishes. It is a way to estimate the frequency with which an average article in a journal is cited. Additionally, JVIR ranks in the top half of 54 journals in the field of peripheral arterial disease.

"The Journal of Vascular and Interventional Radiology's consistent impact factor confirms that it is very well respected by physicians and researchers and is the place for authors to submit important interventional radiology clinical, translational and clinical research findings," said Albert A. Nemcek Jr., JVIR's editor. "JVIR delivers significant, scholarly, peer-reviewed scientific and clinical research," and that research is now provided even faster since the society initiated "Articles in Press"—publishing articles online in advance of the print version, said Nemcek, interventional radiologist at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago, Ill.

The journal published 223 articles in 2007, earning 4,570 citations among radiology, nuclear medicine and medical imaging journals and peripheral arterial disease journals. The Journal Citation Report also publishes an immediacy index for journals as an indicator of the speed with which citations to a specific journal appear in published literature. JVIR's immediacy index is .206.

One of the most important recent uses of the impact factor is in the process of academic evaluation. The impact factor is often used as a measure of the quality and influence of the journals in which researchers have been published. Impact factors also provide librarians with a tool to help them manage journal collections and make purchasing decisions. ISI has presented quantifiable statistical data to provide a systematic, objective way to evaluate the world's leading journals and their impact and influence in the global research community for more than 45 years.

The Journal of Vascular and Interventional Radiology can be viewed online at [www.jvir.org](http://www.jvir.org). SIR members who would like to know more about the journal may contact Noemi C. Arthur, SIR director of publications and JVIR managing editor, by sending an e-mail to [narthur@SIRweb.org](mailto:narthur@SIRweb.org) or by calling (703) 460-5593. A yearly subscription to the journal is \$374 for individuals and \$501 for institutions. A free journal subscription is a benefit of SIR membership.

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### **About the Society of Interventional Radiology**

Interventional radiologists are physicians who specialize in minimally invasive, targeted treatments. They offer the most in-depth knowledge of the least invasive treatments available coupled with diagnostic and clinical experience across all specialties. They use X-ray, MRI and other imaging to advance a catheter in the body, usually in an artery, to treat at the source of the disease internally. As the inventors of angioplasty and the catheter-delivered stent, which were first used in the legs to treat peripheral arterial disease, interventional radiologists pioneered minimally invasive modern medicine.

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Today, interventional radiology treatments are first-line care for many conditions that once required surgery. Interventional radiology treatments generally offer less risk, less pain and less recovery time compared to open surgery. In 2008, the Society of Interventional Radiology (SIR) celebrates 35 years of quality patient care innovation. Visit [www.SIRweb.org](http://www.SIRweb.org).