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I Am an Interventional Pulmonologist: Does My Practice Need All Available Technologies?

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The overall objectives of this lecture is to address the issues cited below:

1. How do we define the Interventional Pulmonologist and Practice?
2. Specifically, what procedures should uniquely be performed by the Interventional Pulmonologist?
3. Determining practice needs specific to individual institutions and demographics of patient population.
4. Can disease states requiring interventional pulmonary procedures be categorized and selected?
5. Determining technologic needs and limitations that may be institution dependent.
6. Research based or clinically based practices.

Interventional Pulmonology (IP) is evolving as a more recognizable subspecialty in the field of pulmonary medicine.

Requirements for training, defining the procedures and technologies of IP are undergoing re-evaluation and development. By looking at some of the questions and issues that the physician trained in interventional procedures encounters as both practice and technology change, may lend itself to better defining IP and standardizing the way we treat our patients with the spectrum of interventions available.