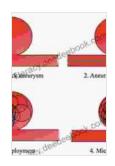
# Therapeutic Embolization: A Safe and Effective Treatment for a Variety of Conditions



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Therapeutic embolization is a minimally invasive procedure that involves blocking off blood flow to a specific area of the body. It is used to treat a variety of conditions, including:

- Uterine fibroids
- Varicose veins
- Bleeding disorders
- Tumors
- Arteriovenous malformations

Therapeutic embolization is a safe and effective alternative to surgery. It is often performed on an outpatient basis, and patients can typically return home the same day.

#### **How is Therapeutic Embolization Performed?**

Therapeutic embolization is performed by a team of doctors, including a radiologist and an interventional radiologist. The procedure is typically performed in a hospital or outpatient surgery center.

To begin the procedure, the doctor will insert a thin catheter into an artery in the groin or arm. The catheter is then guided through the arteries to the target area. Once the catheter is in place, the doctor will inject a material into the artery that will block off blood flow to the target area.

The material used to block off blood flow can be either permanent or temporary. Permanent embolization is used to treat conditions that require long-term blockage of blood flow, such as tumors. Temporary embolization is used to treat conditions that require only temporary blockage of blood flow, such as bleeding disorders.

#### What are the Benefits of Therapeutic Embolization?

Therapeutic embolization offers a number of benefits over surgery, including:

- Less invasive: Therapeutic embolization is a less invasive procedure than surgery. This means that there is less risk of bleeding, infection, and other complications.
- Less pain: Therapeutic embolization is typically less painful than surgery. This is because the procedure does not require a large incision.
- Faster recovery: Therapeutic embolization patients recover more quickly than surgery patients. This is because the procedure does not

require a large incision and does not cause as much damage to surrounding tissue.

 More effective: Therapeutic embolization is more effective than surgery for treating some conditions, such as uterine fibroids.

### What are the Risks of Therapeutic Embolization?

Therapeutic embolization is a safe procedure, but there are some risks involved, including:

- Bleeding: There is a small risk of bleeding during or after the procedure.
- Infection: There is a small risk of infection during or after the procedure.
- Damage to surrounding tissue: There is a small risk of damage to surrounding tissue during the procedure.
- Stroke: There is a small risk of stroke during the procedure.
- Death: There is a small risk of death during the procedure.

#### Who is a Candidate for Therapeutic Embolization?

Therapeutic embolization is not right for everyone. The best candidates for the procedure are people who have:

- A condition that can be treated with embolization
- Are in good general health
- Are not pregnant

Do not have any major bleeding disorders

### **How Can I Prepare for Therapeutic Embolization?**

There are a few things you can do to prepare for therapeutic embolization, including:

Tell your doctor about all of your medical conditions and medications.



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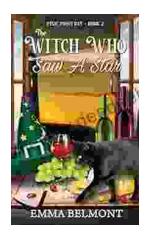
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