

# Women's Health Services

Interventional radiologists help women avoid needless suffering by providing advanced diagnosis and cutting-edge treatments. Interventional treatments are available for many misdiagnosed or under-treated conditions. Compared to open surgery, interventional radiology procedures offer less risk, less pain and less recovery time.

## **Pelvic Pain**

It is estimated that one-third of all women will experience chronic pelvic pain in their lifetimes. Many of these women are told the problem "is all in their head," but recent advancements now show the pain may be due to hard-to-detect varicose veins in the pelvic, known as Pelvic Congestion Syndrome. The minimally invasive outpatient procedure seals the faulty vein using embolization.

## **Uterine Fibroids**

Uterine fibroids are very common noncancerous (benign) growths that develop in the muscular wall of the uterus. Although hysterectomy, performed by a gynecologist, is the most common treatment for symptomatic uterine fibroids, most women are candidates for Uterine Fibroid Embolization (UFE), a widely available nonsurgical option. UFE, also known as uterine artery embolization, blocks the blood flow to the fibroid tumor, causing it to shrink and symptoms to subside.