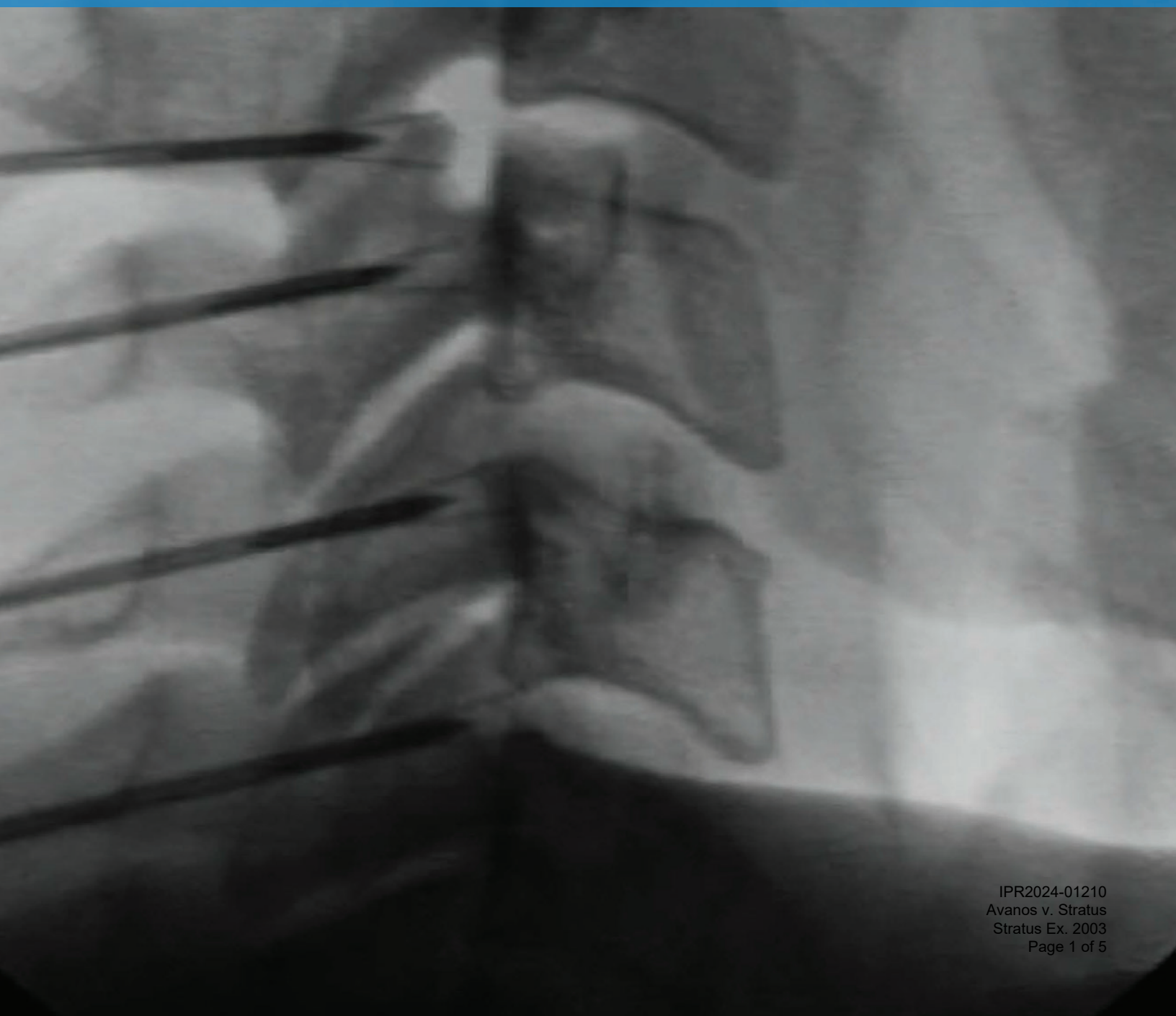


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PREFACE



Marc Russo

I "grew up" in an era of textbooks that had perfunctory descriptions and even more perfunctory grainy image intensifier pictures that purported to tell you all you needed to know to perform a procedure. They left a significant gap in desired knowledge and had to be extensively supplemented by prolonged exposure to a practitioner of their art who had transcended to mastery, and detailed observation of them had to be made, as sometimes they could not explain how they did what they did! Oh, how I wish I had such a textbook as you are now holding in your hands.

The only benefit to these inadequate early "how to" books came from when I lined them all up side by side on individual techniques and realized that they sometimes contradicted each other and sometimes were anatomically incorrect. This eureka moment for me freed me from my blind copying and reproducing function to nuanced analysis of the pathoanatomy in front of me and a consideration of the best way to achieve this particular procedure in this particular patient. It also allowed me to realize that these were not "tablets of Moses" and it might be possible to improve upon them, and this led to developing new techniques and approaches that I continue to teach today.

This is the textbook that I had wished to have when starting my journey in mastering radiofrequency neurotomy. Detailed, step-by-clear-step, clear pictures across multiple imaging modalities, pearls and pitfalls outlined and appropriately referenced. This textbook is not only very user friendly but a joy to read. I hope it is continued and updated for years to come.

I commend Dr Wright and his co-authors for producing this excellent monograph. It will have pride of place on my bookshelf and will be compulsory reading for my fellows and trainees. I commend it to you wholeheartedly with the universal caveat that there is no universal truth and our understanding of science and medicine is continually evolving. For my professional interventional pain work, I would want this fine book always by my side.

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