INTRODUCTION TO GUEST EDITORS

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I wish to thank Drs. Basu and Colon for serving as guest editors of this edition of *Seminars in Plastic Surgery* on the topic of "Optimization of Patient Safety in Cosmetic Surgery" and the contributors whose aid and counsel produced the issue that follows.

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