INTRODUCTION TO GUEST EDITOR

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I wish to thank Dr. Maria Siemionow for serving as guest editor and for the exceptional group of knowledgeable authors that she has brought together to write on "Allograft Transplantation" for *Seminars in Plastic Surgery*.

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