INTRODUCTION TO GUEST EDITOR

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Dr. Scott Steele is a staff colon and rectal surgeon at Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, Washington. Scott was born in Minocqua, Wisconsin, and attended the United States Military Academy at West Point. After graduation, he received his medical degree from the University of Wisconsin and did his General Surgery residency training at Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, Washington. After a year as a staff surgeon at Fort Hood, Texas, Scott completed his colon and rectal surgery training at the University of Minnesota. He then returned to active duty as a staff surgeon at Fort Lewis, Washington. He progressed to become chief of colorectal surgery and assistant program director of the general surgery program. During his Army career, Scott spent two multiple-month tours as a staff surgeon in Iraq and is scheduled for a third deployment in the near future.

Scott remains an active clinician and manages patients in the Tacoma area. He is an assistant professor of surgery at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and the University of Washington and teaches residents on a daily basis. He is an active researcher and has several ongoing projects including an assessment of colon and rectal injuries incurred during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is an active participant in multiple surgical societies and serves on several national

committees of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons. Scott serves on the editorial board of *Diseases of the Colon and Rectum* and the *World Journal of Gastroenterology* and is a reviewer for several other journals. His contributions to the medical literature include 48 peer-reviewed articles and 39 book chapters. He has made multiple presentations at national meetings.

Scott, his wife Michele, and daughter Marianna live in Olympia, Washington. When not working Scott, enjoys running, cross fitness training, and watching Green Bay Packer football.

As a retired USAF surgeon, I can appreciate the dedication and sacrifices of the dedicated individuals in our armed services. We owe our freedoms and societal options to all of those who have served our country. Scott and several of his colleagues, who remain on active duty, have contributed to this issue. Their service and contributions merit our acknowledgment and gratitude.

On behalf of the readers and staff of *Clinics in Colon and Rectal Surgery*, I sincerely thank Dr. Steele for serving as a Guest Editor and for providing us with a superb issue on enterocutaneous fistulas.

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