Introduction to Guest Editor

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Following her colorectal surgery training, Dr. Trudel joined the faculty at McGill University and had a busy educational and clinical colorectal practice. She moved to Minnesota in 2002 and maintains citizenship in both Canada and the United States.

Dr. Trudel is recognized as a national leader in surgical education. She has been involved in educating medical students and general surgery or colorectal residents for her entire professional career. As program director, she mentors trainees and junior faculty on a daily basis, and is involved in curriculum development and educational research. Her publications include eight book chapters and 42 peer-reviewed

articles, and she is a reviewer for numerous prestigious journals. She actively participates in forums and committees on a national level to improve our knowledge and ability to educate trainees. In addition to these activities, Dr. Trudel maintains a busy colorectal surgery practice.

Dr. Trudel is a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, of the American College of Surgeons, of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons (ASCRS), and the Society of Surgical Oncology. She is board certified in general surgery and colon and rectal surgery and is also listed in Best Doctors in America. She is the immediate past vice-president of the ASCRS, serves actively on national society committees, and is a member of several Canadian and American specialty societies. She is a board member of the American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery.

Judith and her husband, François Bédard, Ph.D., live in Woodbury, Minnesota. She has two children: Vincent, a freshman studying hospitality management at the University of Central Florida, Orlando; and Nicolas, a junior in high school. When not working, she enjoys keeping fit, spending time with friends and family, dragon boat racing, and cooking; she and François climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in July 2011.

On behalf of the readers of *Clinics in Colon and Rectal Surgery*, the Editorial Board thanks Dr. Trudel for serving as Guest Editor and for providing an important issue on surgical education.

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