Introduction to the Guest Editors

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I want to thank Drs. Valerie Lemaine and Patricia Simmons for serving as guest editors of this edition of *Seminars in Plastic Surgery* and the talented group of authors they have invited to contribute to this issue on “The Adolescent Breast.”

Valerie Lemaine, MD, MPH, FRCSC, is an assistant professor of plastic surgery at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. She is also vice chair for research in the Division of Plastic Surgery at Mayo Clinic. Dr. Lemaine obtained her medical degree from University of Montreal in Quebec, Canada. After completing her plastic surgery residency in 2008, she completed a 1-year reconstructive microsurgery fellowship at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York. This was followed by a 1-year clinical research fellowship with Dr. Andrea Pusic at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and a Master of Public Health at Columbia University in New York.

Dr. Lemaine is board certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery and the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada. She is an active clinical researcher who has authored numerous publications in peer-reviewed journals and many book chapters. She is principal investigator of many quality-improvement research-funded projects. She is an expert in oncologic reconstruction and her particular area of interest is breast reconstruction in both the adolescent and adult female.

Patricia Simmons, MD, is a world renowned pediatrician and full professor of pediatrics at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Dr. Simmons attended the University of Chicago Medical School where she developed her love of medicine and particularly for the health of children and adolescents. She did her residency in pediatrics at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, followed by a fellowship in pediatric endocrinology at Mayo. She currently serves as chair of the Division of Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester.

In addition to publishing numerous peer-reviewed articles, Dr. Simmons has served as the chair of the Board of Regents at the University of Minnesota and President of the North America Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology. Her contributions to her field are too numerous to list and her expertise in adolescent and childhood breast anomalies make her an ideal editor for this issue of *Seminars in Plastic Surgery*.

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