Introduction to Guest Editor

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Brian started his career in the Divisions of General and Colorectal Surgery at Cooper University Hospital, Camden, and progressed to become the program director of the General Surgery Residency Program. In June 2010, he moved to

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Brian remains an active clinician and manages many patients with Crohn disease. He is an assistant professor of clinical surgery, Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, and teaches residents on a daily basis. He is an active participant in multiple surgical societies including the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons. Brian's contributions to the medical literature include 19 peer-reviewed manuscripts and 2 book chapters. He has made multiple presentations at national meetings.

Brian, his wife Nicole, and children Elyse and Ethan live in Swedeshoro, NJ. When not working, Brian enjoys coaching his children's sports team, working out, traveling, and resting for the Philadelphia Phillies.

Crohn disease remains a challenge for colon and rectal surgeons and our patients. Brian and his colleagues have produced a superb and enjoyable issue on several important aspects of Crohn disease. On behalf of the readers and staff of *Clinics of Colon and Rectal Surgery*, I sincerely thank Dr. Brian R. Kann for serving as the guest editor.

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