Introduction to the Guest Editor

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I want to thank Dr. James F. Thornton for serving as our guest editor for this edition of *Seminars in Plastic Surgery* and the authors for their contributions to this very important issue on “Nasal Soft Tissue Reconstruction.”

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Early in his career, Dr. Thornton developed a love of facial reconstruction and built a practice focused

primarily on Mohs surgery reconstruction. The quality of his work has led dermatologists to seek him out and helped him develop one of the busiest, if not the busiest, practices in the country dedicated to Mohs surgery reconstruction.

Dr. Thornton is actively involved in teaching residents at UT Southwestern and is privileged to get many guest residents and fellows who come to UT Southwestern to learn facial reconstruction specifically from him. He is the author of numerous peer-reviewed articles and has presented at multiple meetings. His achievements and professional focus make Dr. Thornton the ideal guest editor for this issue on nasal soft tissue reconstruction.

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