Introduction to Guest Editor

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After her colorectal training, Sharon spent 6 months as a surgeon with Doctors without Borders in South Sudan and returned to work with Doctors without Borders in 2010 after the earthquake in Haiti. She worked at New York Presbyterian Hospital as an Assistant Professor of Surgery until 2009, when she joined Case Western. Her additional duties include serving as Surgical Director of the Inflammatory Bowel Disease Center and the Case Acute Intestinal Failure Unit at Case Western. Sharon is certified by the American Board of Surgery and Colon and Rectal Surgery.

Sharon is an active clinician and manages a variety of patients with diverse postoperative needs. She teaches students and residents on a daily basis. She is an active participant in multiple surgical societies including the Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract, Society of American Gastro-

intestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons, American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons (ASCRS), and council member of Association of Women Surgeons. In the ASCRS, Sharon chairs the Young Surgeons' Committee. Sharon has directed a number of courses on laparoscopy, education, and career development.

Dr. Stein is an active researcher and is the principal investigator for several ongoing funded trials. Sharon's contributions to the medical literature includes 31 peer-reviewed manuscripts and 17 book chapters. She has presented multiple invited lectureships both in the United States and abroad and made multiple presentations at national meetings.

Sharon, her husband Siva, and daughter Mimi live in Cleveland. When not working, Sharon enjoys spending time with her family, yoga, and drinking fine Bordeaux wine.

Postoperative management is performed by all colon and rectal surgeons and over the years, many components have been altered. Improvements have resulted from new technologies and drugs as well as subjecting "traditional practices" to the rigors of controlled trials and evidence-based reviews. Sharon and her colleagues have produced a superb and enjoyable issue covering several important aspects of postoperative management. On behalf of the readers and staff of *Clinics in Colon and Rectal Surgery*, I sincerely thank Dr. Stein for serving as the Guest Editor and her contributors for their efforts.

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