Introduction to Guest Editor

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Dr. Nelson then joined the staff at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in 2001, as chief of colon and rectal surgery and progressed to become chief of surgery. During his Army career, Jeffery spent multiple deployments as a staff surgeon in Iraq and other overseas locations. He has been promoted to the rank of colonel and he has been awarded several military decorations including three Meritorious Service Medals and the Bronze Star.

Dr. Nelson is an associate professor of surgery at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, MD, and is board certified in General and Colon

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Jeffery, his wife, LTC Sarah J. Krajnik (who also serves in the Army National Guard), and his two children Ariana (8 years old) and Emily (5 years old) live in Laurel, MD. When not working, Jeffery is active in Crossfit (pretty much every day) and long-distance running. He also likes to read on American history and enjoys cooking.

As a retired USAF surgeon, I can appreciate the dedication and sacrifices of the dedicated individuals in our armed services. We owe our freedoms and societal options to all of those who have served our country. Jeffery and several of his colleagues, who remain on active duty, have contributed to this issue. Their service and contributions merit our acknowledgment and gratitude.

On behalf of the readers and staff of Clinics of Colon and Rectal Surgery, I sincerely thank Dr. Nelson for serving as a guest editor and for providing us with a superb issue on Quality in Colon and Rectal Surgery.

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