Introduction to the Guest Editor

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Following his training, Dr. Yoo joined the UCLA School of Medicine in California as an assistant professor and advanced to be Chief, Section of Colon and Rectal Surgery in the UCLA Department of Surgery. In 2014, he moved to Tufts Medical Center and assumed his current position.

Dr. Yoo is an associate professor of surgery at Tufts University and is board certified in general and colon and rectal

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Dr. Yoo is an active researcher and has received NIH KO8 Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development Award. He serves on the editorial board of the *Journal of Surgical Research* and the *American Journal of Digestive Disease*. His contributions to the medical literature include 19 peer-reviewed publications, 5 review articles, 3 book chapters, and multiple presentations at national meetings. Dr. Yoo and his wife, Shirley Y. Huang, MD, live in Boston.

Academic activities and research play an increasing role in colon and rectal surgery. On behalf of the readers and staff of *Clinics of Colon and Rectal Surgery*, I sincerely thank Dr. Yoo for serving as a guest editor and for providing us with a superb issue on developing a career in colon and rectal surgery.

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