Introduction to the Guest Editors

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Dr. Cataldo is Board certified in general and colon and rectal surgery. His contribution to the medical literature includes six book chapters/reviews and 10 peer review articles. He teaches residents and students on a daily basis. Dr. Cataldo has a busy clinical practice and he is an active member of several surgical societies and is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) and the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons (ASCRS). He also serves on several major committees of the ASCRS.

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