Introduction to Guest Editor

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Despite his busy schedule, Greg remains an active clinician and academic surgeon, teaching residents on a daily basis. He

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Greg and his wife Teri have two children. When not working, Greg enjoys spending time with his family and doing anything in the outdoors, including running and biking.

On behalf of the readers and staff of *Clinics of Colon and Rectal Surgery*, I sincerely thank Dr. Kennedy for serving as a Guest Editor and for providing us with a superb issue looking at some of the hot and more controversial topics in colorectal disease.

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