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Jason is a busy clinician and academic surgeon, as well as an active researcher. He has been awarded several departmental and College of Medicine teaching awards, and

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Jason and his wife, Jolie, have three kids (Kathryn, 10 years; Gavin, 8 years; and Asher, 3 years) and are about to adopt a fourth. He is very active in his local church and enjoys watching Boston Red Sox baseball.

On behalf of the readers and staff of *Clinics of Colon and Rectal Surgery*, I sincerely thank Dr. Mizell for serving as a Guest Editor and for providing us with a superb issue on approaches and treatment to intussusception, volvulus, rectal prolapse, and functional disorders of colorectal surgery.

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