Preface

The Facial Skin Defect: A Reconstructive Opportunity

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Editor

I am honored and grateful for the opportunity to introduce this issue of the *Atlas of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Clinics of North America* devoted to reconstruction of facial skin defects. Each day, the maxillofacial surgeon is faced with many challenges and options in reconstructing facial skin defects. The key is to select the most appropriate reconstructive method and setting for this to take place. This may be a daunting task, but when equipped with the proper tools, a reconstructive challenge can turn into an opportunity to produce an aesthetically pleasing reconstructive outcome. The goal of this issue of the *Atlas of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Clinics of North America* is to provide the tools necessary for the reader to develop a surgical armamentarium of the most commonly used local flaps in facial reconstruction.

The reader will find that each article within this *Atlas of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Clinics of North America* is dedicated to a single flap for an in-depth review of flap design and execution. Pertinent surgical anatomy as well as a “how-to” explanation of flap elevation is incorporated into each article to provide the reader a comprehensive understanding on each flap described. The authors have also offered their expertise by sharing clinical applications through case examples as well as surgical pearls and pitfalls one may encounter during the reconstructive process.

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It is my hope that the readers will find this *Atlas of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Clinics of North America* a useful tool in facial reconstruction and will provide their patients the *best reconstructive outcome*.

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