Foreword

Craniofacial Surgery

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It is with a great deal of enthusiasm and excitement that I approach serving as the new Consulting Editor for *Atlas of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Clinics of North America*. During his eight-year tenure in this same position, Dr. Leon Assael provided the visionary and insightful leadership necessary to make the *Atlas* an overwhelming success in providing up-to-date, authoritative and cutting edge subjects for its readers. Dr. Assael’s focus and attention to detail have enabled the series to become a premier resource for all maxillofacial surgeons, no matter what specialty they received their primary training in, by providing timely topics, reviewed with the proper level of depth and detail, yet also ensuring an elegant layout. While it is an honor to take over a publication with such a solid foundation as Dr. Assael provided, Dr. Assael’s performance as Consulting Editor is certain to be a tough act to follow.

In an attempt to prevent the *Atlas* from becoming just another issue of *Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Clinics of North America*, we wanted to return to some basic principles while also approaching some very innovative and cutting edge topics previously unavailable in the surgical literature. Remembering that the definition of an atlas is “a book of maps,” or “a volume of tables, charts or plates that systematically illustrates a particular subject,” we will reaffirm our commitment to make the *Atlas* a highly visual operative guide for the surgeon. An emphasis will be made in providing more illustrations and less text, realizing that “a picture is worth a thousand words.” Future issues will provide the added value that only illustrations can impart.

Some very innovative, exciting, and cutting edge topics have been chosen for upcoming issues. The first in this new series will focus on Craniofacial Surgery. The Guest Editor, Dr. Barry Steinberg, has been able to bring together some of the brightest and most respected craniofacial surgeons in the world in providing an issue that is complete, thorough, and brilliantly illustrated. The next, co-authored by Dr. Charles Lee, a well-known head and neck radiologist, and myself, will continue the theme of being a pure atlas. It is a compendium of head and neck images, including plain radiography, panoramic radiography, computed tomography, magnetic resonance imaging, angiography and ultrasonography. A broad array of images for head and neck conditions, maladies and pathology is brought together in one highly visual volume of images. An entire issue will be dedicated to Endoscopy in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. This issue, guest edited by Larry Cunningham, will include such topics as the optics of endoscopy, functional endoscopic sinus surgery, the endoscopic brow lift, endoscopic orbital surgery, and frontiers in maxillofacial endoscopic surgery. Another is an issue devoted to multidimensional diagnosis, treatment planning and maxillofacial surgery. The Guest Editor will be Dr. James Swift, and some of the topics will include three-dimensional computed tomography and computer assisted design/computer assisted manufacture, virtual imaging and treatment planning, as well as robotic surgery. These are but a few of the exciting topics that are planned and I believe...
that we can look forward to a very valuable *Atlas of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Clinics of North America* in the years to follow.

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