

Foreword

Innovation in the Diagnosis and Management of Breast Cancer



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This issue of the *Surgical Oncology Clinics of North America* is devoted to highlighting the integration of new knowledge and surgical innovation into the diagnosis and management of breast cancer. The guest editor is Kelly Hunt, MD, FACS. Dr Hunt is Professor and Chair of the Department of Breast Surgical Oncology at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. Her expertise in the treatment of patients with breast cancer is nationally and internationally recognized. Dr Hunt has played a pivotal role in numerous breast cancer trials, and her own research has provided some of the most important novel clinical data in the field of breast cancer over the last two decades. In fact, Dr Hunt's career has centered on the fostering of new knowledge, advocacy of clinical trials, and innovation in surgical management of patients with breast cancer. As such, Dr Hunt is ideally suited to be the guest editor of this important issue of the *Surgical Oncology Clinics of North America*.

The issue covers a number of important topics, including genetic testing, management of high-risk lesions, as well as novel technologies in breast imaging and innovations in surgical and adjuvant decision making. The issue touches on such important topics as intraoperative margin assessment, management of nodal disease, and timing of systemic therapies. To accomplish such a comprehensive and thorough state-of-the-art review on this wide range of topics, Dr Hunt used an incredible group of authors who are respective leaders in their field. As you will note in reading this issue, Dr Hunt and her colleagues strongly demonstrate the importance and progress that have been made in the area of the diagnosis and management of breast cancer. I would like to

thank Dr Hunt and her colleagues for an excellent issue of the *Surgical Oncology Clinics of North America* and for taking on such an important topic.

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