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Preface
Skin cancer restoration



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This issue of the *Clinics in Plastic Surgery*, is a collaboration from contributors who have provided a diverse perspective on the challenges faced by plastic surgeons who treat skin cancer patients. The text is meant to offer practical advice that will help to improve outcomes. Contributors from multinational, academic, and private practice backgrounds have shared their expertise and insight. Readers of this publication will be interested in the nuances of reconstructive procedures detailed in specific articles. We also have included articles on the oncologic ablation alternatives, to emphasize a multidisciplinary approach to this subject. The oncologic status of a patient is often the first and most important consideration in the plastic surgeon's plan.

Experienced contributors have written articles describing their reconstructive philosophies for the most actinically exposed anatomical regions. Nose, lip, cheek, eyelid, ear, hand, and scalp defects require unique considerations and different reconstructive algorithms. Emphasis has been given to aesthetic restoration of form and function.

Perforator techniques and "free-style" flap design are exciting concepts in plastic surgery and particularly suited to reconstructing large skin defects. Muscle is

no longer required as a passive carrier for skin flaps, and single-stage functional results can be achieved. Free tissue transfer can be accomplished with limited functional donor site morbidity and improvements in quality of life for patients.

This publication should be a practical surgical resource and a review of changing concepts for all plastic surgeons who participate in the care of patients with skin cancer.

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