

Preface



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This issue of the *Surgical Clinics of North America* is designed to give the readers a summary of basic knowledge of problems of the skin and subcutaneous tissues. The authors have prepared a series of articles ranging from the basic science of wound healing to the clinically frustrating problems of pilonidal disease.

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We hope that these articles will inspire the readers. A number of the authors from Maine Medical Center have been inspired in this field by the efforts and example of Dr. Jean Labelle. We would like to show our appreciation by dedicating this issue to him.

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