

Preface

I am indebted to the authors who have contributed to this issue of the *Clinics in Podiatric Medicine and Surgery*. Taking time from family, career, and personal pursuits is a tremendous sacrifice, and I am sure that I echo the sentiments of every reader when I offer a sincere “Thank you.”

Like most podiatric surgeons, I realize that implant use in foot and ankle surgery can be a controversial topic. In the past three decades we have seen numerous changes in the various implants used in our profession, which seems to have increased the controversy as opposed to lessening it. In this issue I have asked the authors to write from their particular standpoint. Each author shares his own view of the subject, and as Guest Editor I may or may not agree with that particular view. Yet by publishing opposing views, I feel the controversy can educate us rather than divide us.

I extend my thanks again to the authors who have given their time and expertise to this subject.

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