

Preface
Local Cutaneous Flaps



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It is a pleasure to put together an issue of the *Facial Plastic Surgery Clinics of North America* dedicated to cutaneous flaps and reconstruction. This issue is an excellent example of the whole being greater than the sum of its parts. All of the authors are recognized leaders in the field of facial reconstruction and have volunteered their individual expertise for this issue. Together, the text represents an overview of skin lesions and the array of reconstructive options for defects in all regions of the face.

The text begins with an introduction to cutaneous lesions that are a common finding in many clinical practices. A fundamental understanding of the physiology of wound healing and cutaneous flaps is necessary as we attempt to elevate our final results, and this is the topic of the second article in this issue. Many individuals prefer minimally invasive methods of repair, so these should be considered. One article in this issue reviews the more conservative options that can be most practical in a select population

group. Ancillary procedures such as tissue expansion and scar revision can be extremely beneficial, and these techniques are reviewed as well. The body of the text is organized by facial units with the aim of covering the full spectrum of cutaneous defects. Our hope is that each defect that might present itself can be found somewhere in the text with at least a guideline for repair.

As with all such endeavors, this was possible only with the generous contributions of each author, the diligent perseverance of our editors, and past mentors who paved the way.

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