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FROM EDITOR'S DESK



There has been a tremendous increase in demand for cosmetic surgery world over; statistics reveal that cosmetic procedures were performed 280 times more frequently in the year 2005, as compared to 2004. Women outnumbered men twice as much; though men often chose to get their nose reshaped; women usually go in for breast augmentation and abdominal liposuction. Increased demand for cosmetic surgery is attributed to growing awareness and also consciousness about the looks and appearance. Advancements in aesthetic techniques have made these procedures safe. Cosmetic/aesthetic surgery is a relatively new field; opportunities are expanding rapidly and the challenges faced by surgeon are rather too many. In view of the ever increasing demand; a need for a comprehensive and critical review of the practical issues and new developments in the field of cosmetic surgery had long been realized; as such this special issue was planned.

Friends, I take pride in presenting to you a medical bonanza – 'Special issue on **Cosmetic Surgery** – New Horizons; which has been possible due to unstinted efforts of **Dr. Rajeev B. Ahuja** - a senior plastic surgeon heading the department at one of the premier institutions of the capital city. I am extremely grateful to him for having personally seen that high standard of the articles is maintained. Thanks are also due to several eminent contributors to this issue; selection of topics has really been good. This issue amply highlights the latest techniques and treatment advances in the field of cosmetic surgery. I am confident that the readers of JIMSA will appreciate that a commendable task has been achieved and will most certainly find this publication useful for their personal libraries.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the editorial board members for their fruitful suggestions, cooperation and help extended at various stages of the preparation of this issue. I am thankful to all the advertisers without whose help this special issue would not have been possible.

P. D. Gulati

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