Fifth Dedicated CSPS Issue of Annals of Plastic Surgery

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This Annals of Plastic Surgery supplement marks the fifth California Society of Plastic Surgeons publication featuring abstracts presented at the 65th Annual Meeting of the CSPS, cochaired by Lee Pu and Mark Mofid held at the Monterey Marriott Hotel May 22 to 25, 2015. Since offering presenters the opportunity to have their work considered for publication in this special issue, the submission number and quality of articles has continued to rise. Our fifth issue reflects this. All articles have undergone peer review by way of their initial selection for presentation by the Scientific Program Committee and their scrutiny by a minimum of 2 reviewers from the CSPS—Annals Review Committee before final Editorial review and copyediting by the Annals team.

As in our past issues, topics of this supplement again remind readers of the breadth and depth of our specialty and plastic surgery’s longstanding leadership role in global health. This year’s Garry Brody, MD Family Lecturehip Keynote Speaker, Donald R. Mackay, shared about the Operation Smile experience in educational research and partnerships to help create self-sustaining centers internationally through greater emphasis on education of local teams as well as developing local infrastructure and systems. The article based on his lecture entitled The Expanding Role of Education and Research in International Healthcare is featured prominently in our supplement and highlighted by our cover.

Articles emphasize the role of plastic surgery in treating pathology canvassing the entire body from the head and neck, down to the breast and trunk, and out to the upper and lower extremities. Head and neck articles include a case report of subtotal cranial vault remodeling with an absorbable construct, a series of sternocleidomastoid flaps for prevention of fistulas in free jejunal reconstruction of laryngeal and esophageal defects, and an institutional review of surgical procedure numbers in caring for cleft lip and palate patients from birth to adulthood. Breast and trunk articles include the use of the lateral intercostal artery perforator flap for breast reconstruction, effect of scars and their symmetry on patient and surgeon ratings of autologous breast reconstructions, double chamber tissue expanders in irradiated immediate breast reconstructions, and a review of the literature on the axillary web syndrome. Upper extremity articles are represented in reviews of outcomes following “spaghetti wrist” injuries and approaches to distal upper extremity trauma in academic centers. Lower extremity works are touched upon in a case series on barbed suture utility in the treatment of degloving injuries, and a report of a single-stage reconstruction of the Achilles tendon and overlying soft tissue with an extended temporoparietal-galeal flap. The innovative use of decision aids in breast reconstruction is introduced as a means of moving toward greater patient-centered care, the use of SPYangiography for tracking lymphatic recovery after lymphaticovenous anastomosis, as well as the idea of price transparency as a means of driving patient to one’s practice are also included within this supplement. This broad range of areas touched upon in this supplement testifies to the wide scope of our specialty and speaks to the creativity and thoughtfulness of our CSPS members as well as underscores the high quality of work presented at our annual scientific meeting.

All 8 of our California residency programs play a major role in the creative work that continues to be done in California with each being well represented at our annual meeting. This supplement again emphasizes the importance of these programs in contributing to our plastic surgery literature with most of the articles in this supplement having a resident and/or medical student acknowledged through authorship, many as first author. All programs participate in a resident competition, with 2 of these articles featured in this issue: Stanford’s Comparing Muscle and Fasciocutaneous Free Flaps in Lower Extremity Reconstruction—Does it Matter? presented by John Paro and UC Davis’ Body Image and Quality of Life: Changes with Gastric Bypass and Body Contouring presented by Nirav Patel.

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The 66th CSPS Annual Meeting held May 27 to 30, 2016, at the Santa Monica Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows promises to offer a strong scientific program co-chaired by Amanda Gosman and Cindy Russell. At the urging of President Steven Teitelbaum, the role of fat grafting will be woven into all panels. This annual meeting will be the 6th CSPS program to offer abstract presenters the opportunity to publish their manuscripts in a dedicated Annals supplement due for publication on May 2017. We welcome the opportunity to further strengthen our relationship with the Annals of Plastic Surgery with the next CSPS—Annals supplement.