Foreword
Management of Soft Tissue Trauma

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Trauma management remains one of the cornerstones of the specialty of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Often, the emphasis tends to be on the management of the bony fractures, whereas the management of soft tissue injuries arguably does not receive the same attention. In this issue, we have sought to rectify this neglect. Dr Dyalram has brought together a group of craniomaxillofacial experts to share their approaches toward the management of this important area in craniofacial trauma.

This issue addresses the management of traumatic injuries to the following subsites: scalp, nose, ear, larynx, and lip. In addition, the management of special topics, such as nerve injuries and injuries affecting the salivary gland, has been addressed. Dr Dyalram’s choice of authors to tackle these difficult topics reflects the best of the specialty and puts forth a who’s who in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

I am deeply thankful to all the authors’ efforts in providing quality articles that have made this issue of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Clinics of North America a must-have in everyone’s library. Last, I would like to thank Dr Dyalram for her efforts as Guest Editor. Her leadership and dedication have been key to delivering the quality that you will find in these pages.

Yours truly,

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