Preface

I, Dr. Visnu Lohsiriwat, as an associate editor of *Gland Surgery* and guest editor of this special issue, would like to present, with great pleasure, the special issue "Novel methods of breast reconstruction".

This issue was found and entitled to denote a significant need of breast cancer care and treatment especially the integration of oncology for cancer treatment and reconstruction to maximize patients' quality of life. This special issue of "Gland Surgery-Novel methods of breast reconstruction" is not only limited its content to breast reconstruction, but also includes other breast cancer and breast aesthetic treatment related issues. I would like to congratulate and thanks to all authors and co-authors for their comprehensive contributions from public health related personals, plastic reconstructive surgeons, breast surgeons, medical oncologists, breast pathologists, physiotherapists, radiologists and medical teams.

This journal is an essential part of the international success and collaboration. The scientific and academic level is range from fundamental theoretical aspects to ease of clinical application for practitioner, also range from the past history to the future of breast cancer surgery in particularly stem cell and tissue engineering for breast reconstruction.

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