

It is a great privilege for me to participate as an Honorary Editor of this new book *Reconstructive Surgery in Breast Cancer*.

Recently, this field has been getting attention in Japan. We have established Japan Oncoplastic Breast Surgery Society in 2008, which accelerated the medical insurance coverage of reconstructive surgical procedures with silicone implants. We are now excited to start collaborating with plastic surgeons and realizing new methodologies being developed for reconstructing the breast, particularly after breast cancer surgery.

However, we are now facing new problems. The rate of breast-conserving surgery is reported to be decreasing, while that of mastectomy increasing. Hopefully, this is partly because we are becoming not to perform breast-conserving surgery without cosmetic satisfaction. Quality of breast reconstruction is the biggest concern at present. For example, we have to be cautious on the improper usage and mismanagement of silicone implants, which clearly deteriorate cosmetic results.

Lastly, I hope that this book will help breast surgeons, plastic surgeons and surgical staffs to learn the up-to-date technologies as well as information and improve the quality of breast cancer surgery in each institution.

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