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The editors of the *Methodist DeBakey Cardiovascular Journal* extend their sincere thanks to Gavin Britz, M.D., M.P.H., for serving as guest editor of this special issue on neurovascular disease.

Dr. Britz is a professor and chairman of Houston Methodist Hospital's Department of Neurosurgery and codirector of the Houston Methodist Neurological Institute, Cerebrovascular Center, and Skull Base Program. He is also a professor of Neurological Surgery at Weill Cornell Medical College. Dr. Britz leads an acclaimed team of neurosurgeons and affiliated professionals and is recognized as one of the nation's foremost cerebrovascular, skull base, and brain tumor surgeons.

Dr. Britz earned his medical degree in 1987 at the University of the Witwatersrand School of Medicine, South Africa, and went on to complete a general surgery internship and fellowship at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. While completing his neurosurgery residency, he also attended St. George's Hospital Medical School at the University of London, serving as a Neurosurgical Registrar and Senior Registrar. After residency, he took cerebrovascular and interventional neuroradiology fellowships at the University of Washington Medical School in Seattle, where he also earned a master's degree in Public Health. Dr. Britz held faculty appointments at the University of Washington and Duke University before becoming a member of Houston Methodist Research Institute in 2014.

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