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Carol has international expertise in designing and leading improvement and innovation projects and deep expertise in clinical quality. She recently served as an elected member of the Leadership Consortium of the National Quality Forum in the US and was Chair of the American Society of Anesthesiologists nationwide Brain Health Initiative from 2019-2021. Her research has focused on the use of implementation science to advance quality and patient safety, particularly in perioperative medicine. She was named Public Health Innovator of the year in 2016 by Harvard School of Public Health for her work to improve outcomes in high-risk surgical patients. Carol has authored over 100 publications in major medical journals, guidelines, reviews, book chapters and has published three books. She has a medical degree and research doctorate in medicine from the University of Edinburgh (UK), and a master's degree in public health from the Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health and is a fellow of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) and the American College of Healthcare Executives.