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Derek Wakeman is an Associate Professor of Surgery and Pediatrics at the University of Rochester. He is clinically interested in all aspects of general and thoracic pediatric surgery. He has particular interests in patient safety and quality improvement. Specifically, he researched the impact of simulation and checklists on improving surgical patient outcomes. As the Pediatric Trauma Medical Director at Golisano Children's Hospital, he lead quality improvement efforts in injury prevention and minimizing unnecessary imaging and radiation. Further, he has projects aiming to improve trauma triage and improve care for children with traumatic brain injury with care pathways.