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“The Intersection Between
Quality Improvement,
Evidence-Based Practice,
and Research”

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Dr. Kao is Professor, Vice-Chair for Quality of Care, and Vice-Chair for Research and Faculty Development for the Department of Surgery at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. She received her undergraduate and medical degrees from the Integrated Premedical-Medical Program at the University of Michigan. She completed her general surgery training and a fellowship in GI surgery at University of Washington and then a subsequent fellowship in surgical critical care at University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston. She completed a Masters Degree in Clinical Research at UT Houston, and she is currently faculty for the Masters Program. She is the Director of Epidemiology, co-directs multiple courses, and advises multiple Masters students. She also co-founded and co-directs the Center for Surgical Trials and Evidence-based Practice (C-STEP) at UT Houston; two residents have obtained their Masters degrees since the program’s initiation in 2012.

Dr. Kao is a prior recipient of two career development awards (NIH K23 and Robert Wood Johnson Physician Faculty Scholars Award) as well as other intra- and extramural grants; she is a mentor for three junior faculty’s career development awards. She is a Past President of the Association for Academic Surgery. She has published over 70 peer-reviewed papers, and she is a co-editor of a book series on Success in Academic Surgery. She is also currently the Social Media Editor for the Journal of the American College of Surgeons. Her research interests are surgical infections, quality improvement and patient safety, and dissemination and implementation of evidence-based measures in surgery.