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Dr. Lee has spent most of his professional life in laboratories, classrooms, or operating rooms. His career has been centered at universities and hospitals in the Midwest where he conducted research, studied surgical infection control processes, and led surgical teams as an attending surgeon.

He earned his BA degree from the University of Texas, his MS and PhD degrees (chemistry) from the University of Illinois, and his MD from the University of Minnesota, where he subsequently trained in general surgery. During 20-plus years at the Minneapolis DVA Medical Center, he served as Associate Chief of Surgery and Director of Surgical Infection Epidemiology. At the University of Minnesota, he was Professor of Surgery, teaching surgical residents and medical students. He has been a consultant to numerous companies regarding infection prevention procedures, systems, and strategies.

Dr. Lee is a sought-after surgery lecturer and serves on the editorial boards of four peer-reviewed academic journals. He has published extensively regarding surgical infection prevention and health care improvement. His expertise is recognized by both academic and medical communities, and he brings every bit of that expertise to AORN Works.