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If you don't have data, you cannot manage it.

What would you single out as a career highlight?

Probably the publication in the Lancet, in 1995 about 8 patients. That was the big eye opener for people. It was not high science, because it was only a few patients, but we showed that length of stay after colonic cancer surgery in patients more than 80 years old could be reduced from about 12-14 days as usual to about 2-3 days. It was a giant change. It was too big a change, therefore people didn't believe it, but it turned out to be true. "

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