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Dr. Karen Carney is a Product Manager at Elsevier supporting ClinicalPath, an oncology-focused clinical decision support and analytics software tool. She joined the PDMA board in 2023 as director of Programming, then spent 2024-2025 as Chapter Vice-President. Karen previously worked at PittSciVelo as a Senior Commercial Translation Associate where she helped researchers commercialize their digital health innovations. Prior to transitioning to industry, Karen was a Postdoctoral Associate in the Department of Neurology at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Her postdoctoral research explored the role of ion transporters in the progression of glioblastoma multiforme. She's held a number of leadership roles in local non-profit organizations, including Women In Bio, University of Pittsburgh Postdoctoral Association, Fourth River Solutions, and the Pitt Professional Development Consortium. Karen earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biopsychology from Eckerd College, a Master of Science degree in behavioral and cognitive neuroscience from the Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, and PhDs in molecular neuroscience from the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and the Université de Bordeaux.