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Dedicated to Dr. Charles Smart



a dedicated pioneer in the field of cancer registration and surveillance whose vision helped establish the blueprint for cancer control through an understanding of cancer incidence and survival while caring about the patients behind the numbers.

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