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Smith RD, Jones DP. The application of information technology in the teaching of veterinary epidemiology and public health. J Vet Med Educ. 2003 Winter;30(4):344-50. DOI: 10.3138/jvme.30.4.244

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Jenkins PF. Making sense of the chest x-ray: a hands-on guide. 2nd ed. New York: Oxford University Press; 2005.

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Gaul G. When geography influences treatment options. Washington Post (Maryland Ed). 2005 July 24:Sect. A:12(col 1).

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Gaul G. When geography influences treatment options [Internet]. Washington, DC: Washington Post; 2005 July 24 [cited 2016 April 22]. Available from:

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