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Winner of a Healthcare Ad Award of Merit for an outstanding publication in 2021!

Our Award Winning Handbook!

To get your Tick-Borne Disease Reference Handbook: email Karen.Wulfraat@stonybrookmedicine.edu or call (631) 726-TICK (8425). Please provide name and mailing address.

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