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Dedication

We dedicate this work to our PICU team, whose energy, enthusiasm and desire to excel are inspirational, and to our colleagues and all health professionals whose respect and love for children are a driving force to learn, teach and practice pediatric critical care medicine.
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