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- "The Impact of Socioeconomic Status as an Unmeasured Confounder for Claims-Based, Comparative Analysis of Dialysis Provider Type and Its Effect on Dialysis Unit Economics." Poster presentation by Mahesh Krishnan, M.D., MPH, MBA, FASN, on Saturday, Nov. 15, between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m., poster SA-PO863.
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