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Another of her current research interests include the use of bedside point of care ultrasound in the management and evaluation of North American pit viper envenomation. When she's not working in the hospital, she enjoys alpinism and rock climbing in the mountains

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