Risk factors for long-term failure of orthopaedic medical devices: taking advantage of RSA as an early detection tool

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