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Garcia ME, Braggio EF, Martins ABK, Goulart LQ, Rubinsky A, César LO *et al.* Análise de dados dos exames periódicos efetuados nos trabalhadores da Universidade de São Paulo. *Rev Med Hosp Univ.* 2000;10:29-33.

Books and other dissertations or theses

- *Individual authors*

Martin LM. A ética médica diante do paciente terminal: leitura ético-teológica da relação médico-paciente terminal nos códigos brasileiros de ética médica. Aparecida: Santuário; 1993.

Book chapters

Rego S, Palácios N, Schramm FR. Alocação de recursos na assistência materna-infantil. In: Schramm FR, Braz M, organizadores. Bioética e saúde. Novos tempos para mulheres e crianças?. Rio de Janeiro: Editora Fiocruz; 2005. p. 81-104. (Coleção Criança, Mulheres e Saúde).

Conference, congress and meetings records

Relatório Final da 10ª Conferência Nacional de Saúde: 1998 set 2-6; Brasília, Brasil. Brasília: Ministério da Saúde; 1998.

Other publications

- *Newspaper articles*

Scheinberg G. Droga é a principal forma de aborto. Folha de S. Paulo. 15 nov 1999; Ciência: 12.

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Brasil. Lei nº 8.974, de 5 de janeiro de 1995. Normas para o uso das técnicas de engenharia genética e liberação no meio ambiente de organismos geneticamente modificados. Diário Oficial da União. Brasília, v. 403, nº 5, p. 337-9, 6 jan 1995. Seção 1.

- *Dictionary and similar references*

Stedman. Dicionário médico. 25ª ed. Rio de Janeiro: Guanabara-Koogan; 1996. Apraxia; p. 91.

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