

INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS

Scope

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Abstract should briefly describe Purpose or Background, Methods, Results and Conclusions, in no more than 250 words.

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Journals

1. Mak KH, Eisenberg, MJ, Plante S, et al. Absence of increased in-hospital complications with reused balloon catheters. *Am J Cardiol* 1996;78:717-9.
2. Kaplan NM. Coronary heart disease risk factors and anti-hypertensive drug selection. *J Cardiovasc Pharmacol* 1982;4(Suppl):186-365.

Books

1. Got to AJ, Farmer JA. Risk factors for coronary artery disease. In: Braunwald E, Ed. *Heart Disease: A Textbook of Cardiovascular Medicine*. 3rd ed. Philadelphia: Saunders, 1988:1153-90.
2. Levinsky NG. Fluid and electrolytes. In: Thorn GW, Adams RD, Braunwald E, et al, Eds. *Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine*. 8th ed. New York: McGraw-Hill, 1977:364–75.

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