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Background retinopathy

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Definitions

Diabetic retinopathy

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Retina

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Blood vessels

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A type of damage to the [retina](#) of the eye marked by bleeding, fluid accumulation, and abnormal dilation of the [blood vessels](#). Background retinopathy is an early stage of [diabetic retinopathy](#). Also called simple or nonproliferative retinopathy.