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Microaneurysm

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Definitions

Blood vessels

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Diabetes

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Retina

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A small swelling that forms on the side of tiny **blood vessels**. These small swellings may break and allow blood to leak into nearby tissue. People with **diabetes** may get microaneurysms in the **retina** of the eye.