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Photocoagulation

National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse (NDIC)

Definitions

Blood vessels

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Diabetic retinopathy

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Source

National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse (U.S.). (2009). *The diabetes dictionary*. [Bethesda, Md.]: U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse.

A treatment for [diabetic retinopathy](#). A laser—a strong beam of light—is used to seal off bleeding [blood vessels](#) in the eye and to burn away extra blood vessels that should not have grown there.