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Nitric Oxide

National Cancer Institute

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National Cancer Institute. *Nitric Oxide*. NCI Thesaurus. Code C695.

An unstable free-radical gas which reacts rapidly with oxygen to form nitrogen oxides. Water soluble, NO is produced normally in numerous tissues and is considered to be a mediator of cell-to cell communication; it functions in numerous processes including vasodilation, inflammation, and neurotransmission. (NCI04)