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b) Books:

Leão RNQ, coordenador. Doenças infecciosas e parasitárias: enfoque amazônico. Belém: CEJUP; 1997. 885 p.

Fletcher RH, Fletcher SW, Wagner EH. *Clinical epidemiology*. 2nd ed. Baltimore: Williams & Wilkins; 1988.

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Kapikian AZ, Hoshino Y, Chanock RM. Rotaviruses. In: Knipe DM, Howley PM, editors. *Fields virology*. 4th ed. Philadelphia: Lippincott Williams and Wilkins; 2001. p. 1787-1833.

Monroe SS, Carter MJ, Herrmann JE, Mitchell DK, Sanchez-Fauquier A. Family Astroviridae. In: Fauquet CM, Mayo MA, Maniloff J, Desselberger U, Ball LA, editors. *Virus Taxonomy: Eighth Report of the International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses*. London: Elsevier/Academic Press; 2005. p. 859-64.

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Fundação Nacional de Saúde. Plano nacional de controle da tuberculose. Brasília: Ministério da Saúde; 1999.

d) Unpublished material:

Stewart WC, Geiger AC, Jenkins JN. The benefit of repeated intraocular pressure measurements in clinical trials. *Arch Ophthalmol*. In Press 2004.

Cronemberger S, Santos DWV, Ramos LFF, Oliveira ACM, Maestrini HA, Calixto N. Trabeculectomia com mitomicina C em pacientes com glaucoma congênito refratário. *Arq Bras Oftalmol*. No prelo 2004.

e) Theses, Dissertations and Monographs:

Busato CR. Prevalência de portadores de *Staphylococcus aureus* multirresistentes em contatos domiciliares de profissionais de saúde [dissertação]. Curitiba (PR): Universidade Federal do Paraná, Setor de Ciências da Saúde; 1997.

f) Resolutions and Laws:

Brasil. Ministério da Saúde. Secretaria de Assistência à Saúde. Portaria nº 212, de 11 de maio de 1999. Altera a AIH e inclui o campo IH. *Diário Oficial da União*, Brasília, p. 61.

Brasil. Lei nº 9.431, de 6 de janeiro de 1997. Decreta a obrigatoriedade do Programa de Controle de Infecção Hospitalar em todos os hospitais brasileiros. *Diário Oficial da União*, Brasília, p. 165, 7 jan. 1997. Seção 1.

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Feiz V, Mannis MJ. Intraocular lens power calculation after corneal refractive surgery. *Curr Opin Ophthalmol* [Internet]. 2004 Aug [cited 2004 Aug 12];15(4):[about 8 p.]. Available

at: <http://www.coophthalmology.com/pt/re/coophth/abstract.00055735-200408000-00011.htm>.

Lucena AR, Velasco e Cruz AA, Cavalcante R. Estudo epidemiológico do tracoma em comunidade da Chapada do Araripe - Pernambuco Brasil. *Arq Bras Oftalmol* [Internet]. 2004 mar-abr [citado 2004 Jul 12];67(2):197-200. Disponível em: <http://www.abonet.Com.br/abo/672/197-200.pdf>

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Marcondes E. Visão geral da adolescência. *Anais do 21º Congresso Brasileiro de Pediatria*; 1979 out 6-12; Brasília. Rio de Janeiro: Sociedade Brasileira de Pediatra; 1979. p. 267-75.

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Ohnishi MDO, Ventura AMRS, Libonati RF, Souza JM. O pulmão na malária vivax: relato de caso. In: 44º Congresso da Sociedade Brasileira de Medicina Tropical, 2º Encontro de Medicina Tropical do Cone Sul e 3º Encontro de Medicina Tropical dos Países de Língua Portuguesa; 2008 Mar 4-7; Porto Alegre: Sociedade Brasileira de Medicina Tropical; 2008. p. 215. (*Revista da Sociedade Brasileira de Medicina Tropical*; vol. 41; supl. 1).

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