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Baselt RC, Cravey RH. *Disposition of Toxic Drugs and Chemicals in Man*. 4th ed. Foster City, CA: Chemical Toxicology Institute; 1995.

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Cranmer KW. Hospice defined: benefits, problems, and regularity conflicts. *Nurs Home Med*. 1997;5(7):231.

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Anderson MA. Understanding and assessing incontinence. *Provider*. November 1997:117-121.

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Ayers S. *Terrorism: Medical Response* [DVD]. Edgartown, MA: Emergency Film Group; 2002.

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US General Accounting Office. *Trauma Care: Life-saving Systems Threatened By Unreimbursed Costs and Other Factors*. Washington, DC: US General Accounting Office; 1991. HRD Publication 91-57.

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