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## Books

2. Brundage SI, McGahn R, Jurkovich J, Mack C, Maier RV: *Incidence of Adult Respiratory Distress Syndrome As a Function of the Timing of Femur Fixation*. Proceedings: 5th International World Congress on the Pathophysiology, Immune Consequences and Therapy of Trauma, Shock and Sepsis, Munich, Germany, March 2000. Monduzzi Editore S.P.A., Bologna, Italy, pp 113-118, 2000.

## Articles in books

3. Marshall JC: SEPSIS, SIRS, and MODS: consensus, controversy, and challenge. In Faist E, Baue AE, Schildberg FW (eds.): *The Immune Consequences of Trauma, Shock, and Sepsis—Mechanisms and Therapeutic Approaches*. Vol. II (1). Lengerich, Germany: Pabst Science Publishers, 1996, pp 41-50.

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