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Example:

Abnormal Total Connection of Pulmonary Veins.

Flórez ME, Villegas A, Díaz LH, Giraldo N, Zapata J, Torres O
Clínica Cardiovascular Santa María, Medellín, Colombia.

Objectives: 94 clinical histories were reviewed with diagnosis of abnormal total connection of the pulmonary veins, selecting the patients that had had complete studies with echocardiography and homodynamic studies.