



American Medical Association (AMA) Style Guide

Reference Examples

Book – Single Author

Format:

Author. *Book Title*. Edition number (2nd edition or above). City, State (or Country) of publisher: Publisher's name; copyright year.

Example:

Snell RS. *Clinical Anatomy by Regions*. 9th ed. Philadelphia, PA: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins; 2012.

Book – Multiple Authors

Format:

First Author, Second Author (if there are more than six authors, use “et al.” after the third author). *Book Title*. Edition number (2nd edition or above). City, State (or Country) of publisher: Publisher's name; copyright year.

Example:

Shamus E, Stern DF. *Effective Documentation for Physical Therapy Professionals*. 2nd ed. New York, NY: McGraw-Hill; 2011.

Book – Editor

Format:

Author(s), eds. *Book Title*. Edition number (2nd edition or above). City, State (or Country) of publisher: Publisher's name; copyright year.

Example:

O'Sullivan SB, Schmitz TJ, eds. *Physical Rehabilitation*. 5th ed. Philadelphia, PA: F.A. Davis Company; 2007.

Chapter or Article within a Book

Format:

Author(s) of article. Title of article. In: Editor's name(s), ed(s). *Book Title*. Edition number (2nd edition or above). City, State (or Country) of publisher: Publisher's name; copyright year: Chapter or page number.

Example:

Solensky R. Drug allergy: desensitization and treatment of reactions to antibiotics and aspirin. In: Lockey P, ed. *Allergens and Allergen Immunotherapy*. 3rd ed. New York, NY; Marcel Dekker; 2004:585-606.

Newspaper article – In Print

Format:

Author of article. Title of article. *Newspaper Title*. Date published: section of newspaper.

Example:

Wolf W. State's mail-order drug plan launched. *Minneapolis Star Tribune*. May 14, 2004:1B.

Newspaper article – Online

Format:

Author of article. Title of article. *Newspaper Title*. Date published. URL. Accessed date.

Example:

Pollack A. FDA approves new cystic fibrosis drug. *New York Times*. January 31, 2012. <http://www.nytimes.com/2012/02/01/business/fda-approves-cystic-fibrosis-drug.html?ref=health>. Accessed February 1, 2012.

Article from a Print Journal – One Author

Format:

Author. Title of article. *Abbreviated Journal Title*. Year;Volume:Inclusive page numbers.

Example:

Lobach DF. Clinical informatics: supporting the use of evidence in practice and relevance to physical therapy education. *J Phys Ther Educ*. 2004;18:24-34.

Article from a Print Journal – Two to Six Authors

Format:

Authors of article. Title of article. *Abbreviated Journal Title*. Year;Volume:Inclusive page numbers.

Example:

Salwachter AR, Freischlag JA, Sawyer RG, Sanfey HA. The training needs and priorities of male and female surgeons and their trainees. *J Am Coll Surg*. 2005;201:199-205.

Article from a Print Journal – More than Six Authors

Format:

Three Author(s) of article, et al. Title of article. *Abbreviated Journal Title*.
Year;Volume:Inclusive page numbers.

Example:

Crompton J, Imms C, McCoy AT, et al. Group-based task-related training for children with cerebral palsy: a pilot study. *Phys Occup Ther Pediatr*. 2007;27:43-65.

Article from an Online Journal – Doi (digital object identifier) available

Format:

Author. Title of article. *Abbreviated Journal Title*. Year;vol(issue):pages. Doi:xx.xxxx

Example:

Subauste CS. Autophagy as an antimicrobial strategy. *Expert Rev Anti Infect Ther*. 2009;7(6):743-752. doi:10.1586/eri.09.41

Article from an Online Journal – No Doi available

Format:

Author. Title of article. *Abbreviated Journal Title*. Year;vol(issue):pages. URL for specific article. Published date. Updated date. Accessed date (will often be the only date available).

Example:

Bouwer M, Goosen TC, Rheeders M. Drug-drug interaction after single oral doses of the furanocoumarin methoxsalen and cyclosporine. *J Clin Pharmacol*. 2006;46(7):768-775.
http://go.galegroup.com/prx-usa.lirn.net/ps/i.do?id=GALE%7CA148007854&v=2.1&u=lirn_crevc&it=r&p=EAIM&sw=w.
Accessed November 13, 2012.

Article – Epub ahead of Print (follow either the with or without Doi model above)

Format:

Author. Title of article [published online Publication Date]. *Abbreviated Journal Title*. Year;vol(issue):pages. URL. Published date. Updated date. Accessed date.

Example:

Liu-ambrose T, Nagamatsu LS, Hsu CL, Bolandzadeh N. Emerging concept: ‘central benefit model’ of exercise in falls prevention [published online April 20 2012]. *Br J Sports Med*. 2012. doi:10.1136/bjsports-2011-090725.

Web Page

Format:

Author or responsible body. Title of item cited. Name of website. URL. Published date. Updated date. Accessed date.

Example:

American Physical Therapy Association. Professionalism. American Physical Therapy Association. <http://www.apta.org/Professionalism/>. Published June 2007. Updated March 25, 2011. Accessed November 13, 2012.

Online Video

Only list the author if you are confident that the original content's author is the one that uploaded the video. Do not trust that the person who uploaded the video is the original author of the content. If unsure, list no author.

With an author:

Format:

Author. Title [Video]. Publisher. Link to website. Date published. Date accessed.

Example:

Takayma-Ogawa J, Willette J. What is information literacy? (Otis College) [Video]. YouTube. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yeopJX5jJV8>. Published March 14, 2007. Accessed April 30, 2010.

Without an author:

Format:

Title [Video]. Publisher. Link to website. Date published. Date accessed.

Example:

Slingshot fun [Video]. YouTube. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CCmZYce0J2E>. Published January 29, 2007. Accessed April 30, 2010.

Other Media

Format:

Author. *Title* [format]. City, State (or Country) of Publisher: Publisher; Year.

Example:

Hillman SK. *Interactive Functional Anatomy*. London: Primal Pictures Ltd; 2011.

General Rules:

- Items are listed numerically in the order they are cited in the text
- Include up to 6 authors within the citation
- If there are more than 6 authors, provide the names of the first three and then add “et al.”
- If there is no author, start with the title
- Periodicals (journals, magazines, and newspapers) should have abbreviated titles; to check for the proper abbreviation, search for the Journal Title through [LocatorPlus](#) at the National Library of Medicine website
- If the city name is not part of the newspaper name, it may be added to the official name for clarity
- If a newspaper article jumps from one page to a later page, write the page numbers like D1, D5

In-Text Citations:

- Cite using a superscript number immediately after the concept or fact being referenced
- Place the superscript outside of any periods or commas, but inside of colons and semi-colons
 - Ex: This is a referenced idea.¹
 - Ex: This also a referenced idea²; this is not.
- At the end of the paper, cite the references and number them according to the order in which they were cited
- Once a reference is given a number, keep that number the same throughout the paper
- If referencing more than two references within the paper, use commas to separate them. If they are referenced in series, use a hyphen to join the numbers in series
 - Ex: Many references were used to create this sentence.^{1-4,7}
- Authors’ names may also be used in-text, but only the last name should be used and should have an accompanying reference number
 - Ex: A case report by Brown⁶ found that...
- For citations with one or two authors, include both names. If there are three or more authors listed, use the words “and colleagues”, “et al”, or something similar
 - Ex: A systematic review by Johnson and colleagues³ determined...

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