AMA Citation Style Quick Guide

This handout serves as a quick reference to using American Medical Association style for citing common information sources. The *AMA Manual of Style 10th Edition* is located at the Reference Desk in St. Paul and in Minneapolis at REF R 119 .A533 2007. It is also available as an ebook, and the link can be found by clicking on the Citing and Writing section of our library homepage.

### Citing Books

#### Online/eBooks

*General format:*

Author(s). Chapter title. In: Editor(s). *Book Title*. Edition number ed (if applicable). City, State (or country) of publisher: Publisher’s name; copyright year:pages (if chapter of book). URL. Accessed date.

- If the reference is for an entire book, the information on the chapter title and page numbers is not included
- For all reference entries, list all authors if six or less, otherwise list first three followed by “et al”

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#### Print Books

Follow the same format as the online books, but stop after the copyright year, or pages if it is a chapter in an edited book.


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Citing Journal Articles

AMA style requires the use of standard National Library of Medicine [NLM] abbreviations for all journal titles. Abbreviations for many common medical journals can be found in the *AMA Manual of Style* (pp.473-479), or by searching the NLM Catalog (http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/journals) to find the NLM title abbreviation.

**Online Journal Articles**
The same general format is followed for an online journal article, but with the addition of either a DOI (digital object identifier) or URL/accessed date at the end. The preferred citation style for an electronic journal uses a DOI, but if the DOI is not given on the full text article or in the citation, use the URL for the article.

*General format with DOI:*

*General formation without DOI:*
Author. Article title. *Abbreviated Journal Title*. Year;vol(issue);pages. URL. Published date. Updated date. Accessed date.

- The accessed date will often be the only date available
- Author format for articles with 1 author: Angelo J.
- Author format for articles with 2-6 authors: Smith IS, Hanson JP, Adams WE.
- Author format for articles with 7 or more authors: Wormser GP, Ramanathan R, Nowakowski J, et al. (list first three authors followed by et al)

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**Print Journal Articles**
Follow the same format as online journal articles, but stop after the page numbers.

*Example:*


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Citing Other Electronic Sources

Websites

General Format:
Author(s). Title of the specific item cited (if none is given, use the name of the organization responsible for the site). Name of the website. URL. Published date. Updated date. Accessed date.

- Include the elements above as available.
  - Example: Often the authors are not indicated, in which case leave that element out and start with the title of the item.
- Include the Published/Updated/Accessed dates that are available. Often only the Accessed date can be determined.


Government/Organization Reports

Government and organization reports are generally treated like electronic journal and book references.

- Use journal style for articles and book style for monographs
- Provide the published, updated, and accessed dates if available. However, the accessed date will often be the only date available

Examples:


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In-Text Citations and Reference List

In-Text Citations
Citations are to be included for any piece of information
- All citations should be marked in consecutive numerical order by means of superscript arabic numerals
- Place the number directly after the fact, idea, or quotation that is being cited
- When citing the same source more than once, give the number of the original reference.
- Use superscript numerals outside periods and commas, inside colons and semicolons. Use commas to separate multiple citation numbers in text, but use a hyphen if you are citing consecutive citation numbers
  - As reported previously,1,3-8,19
  - The derived data were as follows3,4:
- Unpublished works and personal communications should be included parenthetically, but not in the reference list.
  - These findings have recently been corroborated (H. E. Marman, MD, unpublished data, January 2005).
  - In a conversation with H. E. Marman, MD (August 2005).

Reference List
Once all in-text citations have been added to the paper and are properly numbered, all corresponding references should be placed on a separate page at the end of the document, numbered consecutively in the order in which they are cited in the text.