

# AMA Manual of Style Guide

Writing a paper? Do you need a quick guide on how to create references and citations in AMA style? If so, then this is the guide for you! The information presented in this guide is from Chapter 3 of the *AMA Manual of Style: A Guide for Authors and Editors, 10<sup>th</sup> Ed.*, New York: Oxford University Press, 2009. The full text of the manual is available in our Library Database list or from the publisher's website:

<https://erms.tourolib.org/url/http://www.amamanualofstyle.com//oso/public/index.html>.

## Citations and Reference Lists

Any time you "cite" one of your resources in your papers, either quoted or paraphrased, you will need to indicate where you obtained your information. Reference lists are lists of all the resources (books, journal articles, websites, etc.) where you found the necessary information that is cited in your paper. Citations indicate the resource in your reference list where readers can refer to for more information on your topic.

Here are some basic rules for Citations and Reference Lists:

1) Both citations and reference lists must be placed in numerical order and in the order they are cited within the text. Citations will be in the form of superscript.

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2) If the same resource is cited multiple times, be sure to use the same reference number each time. You do not need to list the resource again in your reference list.

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## **Print & Electronic Books**

**Print:** Author(s). *Book Title*. Edition Number (For 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition or above) City, State or Country of Publisher: Publisher's Name; Copyright year.

### **For books with a single author:**

Hope T. *Medical Ethics: A Very Short Introduction*. New York: Oxford University Press; 2004.

### **For books with 2-6 authors (each author must be listed):**

Gladwin M, Trattler B. *Clinical Microbiology Made Ridiculously Simple*. 5<sup>th</sup> Edition. Miami, FL: MedMaster; 2011.

### **For books with 7 or more authors:**

Jenkins B, Mehta S, McInnis M, et al. *Step-Up to USMLE Step 1 2013*. Philadelphia, PA: Wolters Kluwer Health | Lippincott Williams & Wilkins; 2014.

**E-Books:** Author(s). *Book Title*. Edition Number (For 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition or above) City, State or Country of Publisher: Publisher's Name; Copyright year. URL. Accessed (Date).

Drake R. *Gray's Anatomy for Students*. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. Philadelphia, PA: Churchill Livingstone/Elsevier; 2010. <https://erms.tourolib.org/url/http://www.clinicalkey.com/dura/browse/bookChapter/3-s2.0-B9780443069529X0001X>. Accessed October 25, 2015.

**Book Chapters:** Referencing book chapters is very similar to referencing entire books. The only difference is the name of the chapter is placed before the title of the book with only the first word capitalized and no quotations. Be sure to include the page numbers covering the chapter after the copyright date.

Bergerton C, Lowe J. Frontotemporal degeneration: introduction. In: Dickson DW, ed. *Neurodegeneration: The Molecular Pathology of Dementia and Movement Disorders*. Basel, Switzerland: ISN Neuropath Press; 2003; 342-348.

## Journal Articles and Reports

When referencing a journal article, here are a few things to keep in mind:

- 1) Only the first letter of the first work in an article title must be capitalized. This rule also applies to proper names and abbreviations.
- 2) Journal names must be abbreviated in a specific style set by the National Library of Medicine. You can search for a journal abbreviation by going to the "Journals in the NCBI Databases" page in PubMed (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nlmcatalog/journals>). Simply enter the name of the journal into the search box and you will get the appropriate abbreviation.

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**Author(s):** American Society of Clinical Pathologists

**NLM Title Abbreviation:** Am J Clin Pathol

**ISO Abbreviation:** Am. J. Clin. Pathol.

**Title(s):** American journal of clinical pathology.

**Other Title(s):** AM. J. CLIN. PATH., TECHN. SECT.

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College of American Pathologists Survey

AJCP

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Print: Author(s). Article title. *Journal Name*. Year;vol(Issue No): inclusive page numbers. **\*Note:** There are no spaces between the Year, volume/issue numbers and page numbers.

Klijn P, Van Keimpema A, Legemaat M, Gosselink R, Van Stel H. Nonlinear exercise training in advanced chronic obstructive pulmonary disease is superior to traditional exercise training: a randomized trial. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med*. 2013;188(2):193-200.

**For journal articles with 7 or more authors:**

Schrier RW, Abebe KZ, Perrone RD, et al. Blood pressure in Early Autosomal Dominant Polycystic Kidney Disease. *N Engl J Med*. 2014;371(24):2255-2266.

**For newspapers and journals without volume/issue numbers:**

Beil L. Deadly isolation: suicide rates have risen sharply in rural areas, where access to mental health services can be scarce. *New York Times*. November 3, 2015:D1.

Online: Author(s). Article Title. *Journal Name*. Year; vol(Issue No):inclusive page numbers. URL/doi#. Accessed (Date).

Ward J, Peretti-Watel P, Larson H, Raude J, Verger P. Vaccine criticism on the internet: new insights based on French speaking websites. *Vaccine*. 2015;33(8):1063-1070.  
<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0264410X14017198>. Accessed June 13, 2015.

If an article contains both a DOI number and a URL, use the DOI number instead.

Chia D, Yavari Y, Kirsanov E, Aronin S, Sadigh M. Adherence to the standard care in the diagnosis and treatment of suspected bacterial meningitis. *Am J Med Qual*. 2015;30(6):539-42.  
doi: 10.1177/1062860614545778. Accessed November 10, 2015.

**For articles found in a database (ProQuest Health & Medical Complete, MEDLINE):**

Weiss M, Lautenschlager F, Porzsolt F. Surviving sepsis campaign bundles adherence and their limits in surgical patients with septic shock in an ICU. *Br J Med Med Res*. 2013;3(1):94-107.  
Available from: ProQuest Health & Medical Complete. Accessed July 28, 2014.

**For journals published only online:**

Author(s). Article Title. *Journal Name*. Year;Vol(Issue No.):inclusive page numbers. URL/doi#. Published (Date). Updated (Date). Accessed (Date).

Leask, J. Should we battle with antivaccination activists? *Public Health Res Prac*. 2015;25(2):e2521515. doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.17061/phrp2521515>. Accessed August 5, 2015.

**\*Note:** If the journal does not provide a date for when the article was updated, it can be excluded from the citation.

## Government/Organization Reports:

World Health Organization. Ebola Situation Report – 11 November 2015.  
<http://apps.who.int/ebola/current-situation/ebola-situation-report-11-november-2015>.  
Published November 11, 2015. Accessed November 18, 2015.

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## Websites & Databases

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

Viral Meningitis. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Website.  
<http://www.cdc.gov/meningitis/viral.html>. Updated November, 26, 2014. Accessed May 13, 2015.

Databases: Author(s). Title of the database. Publisher's location (city, state; for Canada, city province, country; for all others, city, country): publisher's name, year of publication and/or last update. URL.  
Accessed (Date).

**\*Note:** If a database displays a date of when it was updated, you can include it in the reference along with the Accessed date.

PDQ – NCI's Comprehensive Database. Bethesda, MD: National Cancer Institute.  
<http://www.cancer.gov/publications/pdq#summaries>. Updated July 17, 2015. Accessed  
September 19, 2015.