

AAPA Reference Guidelines

How to Cite Sources using the AMA Citation Style

This handout is designed to provide a quick reference to using American Medical Association style for citing common information sources. In AMA style, the reference list "... should be numbered consecutively in the order in which they are cited in the text" (p. 42).

PRINT SOURCES

Books

One author	Author last name Author's first initials. Title of Book. Place of publication: Publisher; year. Rosen P. <i>Rosen's Breast Pathology 2nd Edition</i>. Philadelphia, PA: Lippincott Williams and Wilkins; 2001.
More than one author (list all authors if three or fewer, otherwise list first three followed by "et al")	Author(s) separated by commas. Title of Book. Place of publication: Publisher; year. Kumar V, Abbas A, Fausto N, Aster J. <i>Robbins and Cotran Pathologic Basis of Disease 8th Edition</i>. Philadelphia, Pa: Elsevier Inc; 2010.
Edited book	Author(s), eds. Title of Book. Place of publication: Publisher; year. Lester S, ed. <i>Manual of Surgical Pathology</i>. Philadelphia, PA: Churchill Livingstone; 2001.
Chapter or article from a book	Author(s) of article. Title of article. In: Editor's name, ed. Title of Book. Place of publication: Publisher; Year: Chapter or page number. Miyano T. Biliary tract diseases and portal hypertension. In: Ashcraft K, Holcomb GW III, Murphy JP. <i>Pediatric Surgery</i>, 4th Edition. Philadelphia, PA: Elsevier Inc; 2005:594-600.

Articles in Journals

AMA style requires the use of standard abbreviations for all references, when applicable. Abbreviations for many common medical journals can be found in the *AMA Manual of Style* (pp.473-479). Additional abbreviations can be searched in the PubMed Journal Database (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/journals?itool=sidebar>).

One author (do not include issue number or month unless volumes are not consecutively numbered)	Author. Article title. Journal Title. Month Year;Volume:Inclusive page numbers. Mitka M. Indian public health leaders move to reduce antimicrobial resistance. <i>JAMA</i>. February 2013; 309:531-532.
More than one author (list all authors if three or fewer, otherwise list first three followed by "et al")	Author(s) of article. Article title. Journal Title. Year;Volume:Inclusive page numbers. Scaglia F, Brunetti-Pierri N, Kleppe S, Marini J, et al. Clinical consequences of urea cycle enzyme deficiencies and potential links to arginine and nitric oxide metabolism. <i>The Journal of Nutrition</i>. 2004; 134: 2775S-2782S.

ELECTRONIC SOURCES

Articles in Online Journals

The preferred citation style for an electronic journal uses a DOI (digital object identifier). The DOI provides a persistent link to the electronic item and is considered to be more stable than a URL. If the DOI is not given on the full text article or in the citation, use a DOI lookup tool to locate it (<http://www.crossref.org/questquery/>) or use the format for an article without a DOI.

Article from online journals with DOI available. <i>Note that when using a DOI, no access date or URL are used.</i>	Author. Title of article. Name of Journal. Year;vol(issue):pages. doi:xx.xxxx. Florez HR, Martinez RL. Outdoor exercise reduces the risk of hypovitaminosis D in the obese. <i>J Steroid Biochem Mol Bio.</i> 2007;103(3-5):679-681. doi:10.1016 /j.jsbmb.2006.12.032.
Article from online journals without DOI available. <i>The accessed date will often be the only date available.</i>	Author. Title of article. Name of Journal. Year;vol(issue);pages. URL. Published date. Updated date. Accessed date. Hay PJ. Understanding bulimia. <i>Aust Fam Physician.</i> 2007;36(9):708-712. http://www.racgp.org.au/afp/200709/18554 . Accessed October 11, 2009.
Web pages	Author or responsible body. Title of item cited. Name of website. URL. Published date. Updated date. Accessed date. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. New carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae warrant additional action by healthcare providers. CDC Emergency Preparedness and Response. http://emergency.cdc.gov/HAN/han00341.asp . Published February 14, 2013. Accessed March 31, 2013.
Other Media <i>Use for DVDs, videos, cd-roms, and other media formats.</i>	Author. Title [format]. Publisher place: Publisher; Year. Holzknecht J. <i>History of physical therapy in the United States</i> [DVD]. New York, NY: Insight Media; 2007.

CITING SOURCES WITHIN TEXT

Cite references that are retrievable in text, tables, and figures in consecutive order using superscript Arabic numbers. Use commas to separate multiple citation numbers in text. Corresponding references should be listed in numerical order at the end of the document. Unpublished works and personal communications should be cited parenthetically (not on the reference list). Superscript numbers are placed outside periods and commas, and inside colons and semicolons.