

### REFERENCE TIPS

- References should be numbered consecutively with Arabic numerals in the order in which they are cited in your paper.
  - Include up to six authors
  - For more than six authors, provide the names of the first three authors 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](#)

### CITING PRINT SOURCES

#### Journal Articles

AMA style requires the use of standard abbreviations for all references, when applicable.

Abbreviations for many common medical journals and word abbreviations can be found in the *AMA Manual of Style* (pp.472-500 or Chapter 14.10).

#### Basic Format

Author(s). Title. *Journal Name* [using National Library of Medicine abbreviations]. Year;vol(issue No.):inclusive pages.

#### Example: Six or less authors

Thomas JC, Sage M, Dillenberg J, Guillory VJ. A code of ethics for public health. *Am J Public Health*. 2002;92(7):1057-1059.

#### Example: More than six authors

*The names of all authors should be given unless there are more than 6, in which case the names of the first 3 authors are used, followed by "et al."*

Kupersmith J, Sung N, Genel M, et al. Creating a new structure for research on health care effectiveness. *J Investig Med*. 2005;53(2):67-72.

#### Example: Supplements

Stephenson PL, Green BF, Wallace RL, Earl MF, Orick JT, Taylor MV. Community partnerships for health information training: medical librarians working with health-care professionals and consumers in Tennessee. *Health Info Libr J*. 2004;21(suppl 1):20-26.

#### Books

#### Basic Format

Author(s). *Book Title*. Edition number (if it is the second edition or above). City, State (or Country) of publisher: Publisher's name; copyright year.

**Example: Six or less authors/editors**

Sacks OW. *The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat and Other Clinical Tales*. New York: Summit Books; 1985.

Adkinson N, Yunginger J, Busse W, Bochner B, Holgate S, Middleton E, eds. *Middleton's Allergy: Principles and Practice*. 6th ed. St Louis, MO: Mosby; 2003.

**Example: More than six authors**

Simon LS, Lipman AG, Jacox AK, et al. *Pain in Osteoarthritis, Rheumatoid Arthritis, and Juvenile Chronic Arthritis*. 2nd ed. Glenview, IL: American Pain Society; 2002.

**Example: Organization or corporation as author**

Institute of Medicine. *Who Will Keep the Public Healthy: Educating Public Health Professionals for the 21st Century*. Washington, D.C.: National Academies Press; 2003.

**Chapter or article from book****Basic Format**

Author(s). Chapter title. In: Editor(s). Book Title. Edition number (if it is the second edition or above). City, State (or country) of publisher: Publisher's name; copyright year:inclusive pages.

**Example: Chapter or article from book**

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.

Yashiro M, Yanagawa H. Database construction for information on patients with Kawasaki disease. In: Yanagawa H, Nakamura Y, Yashiro M, Kawasaki T, eds. *Epidemiology of Kawasaki Disease: A 30-Year Achievement*. Tokyo, Japan: Shindan-to-Chiryosha; 2004:57-77.

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| <b>CITING ELECTRONIC SOURCES</b> |
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**Online Journal Articles**

*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/guestquery/>) or use the format for an article without a DOI.*

**Basic Format with a DOI**

Author(s). Title of article. *Journal Name* [using National Library of Medicine abbreviations]. Year;vol(issue No.):inclusive pages. doi:xx.xxxx.

**Example: Articles with a DOI**

Cobus L. Using blogs and wikis in a graduate public health course. *Med Ref Serv Q*. 2009 Spring;28(1):22-32. doi: 10.1080/02763860802615922.

Yeung JP, Kloda LA, McDevitt J, Ben-Shoshan M, Alizadehfar R. Oral immunotherapy for milk allergy. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev*. 2012 Nov 14;11:CD009542. doi: 10.1002/14651858.

### **Basic Format without a DOI**

Author(s). Title of article. *Journal Name* [using National Library of Medicine abbreviations]. Year;vol(issue No.):inclusive pages. URL [provide the URL in this field; no need to use "URL:" preceding it]. Published [date]. Updated [date]. Accessed [date].

### **Example: Articles without a DOI**

Gilmour R., Cobus-Kuo L. Reference management software: A comparative analysis of four products. *Issues in Sci and Technol Librarianship*. 2011;66(66):63–75. <http://www.istl.org/11-summer/refereed2.html>. Accessed April 4, 2013.

## **Electronic Book**

### **Basic Format**

Author(s). Book Title. Edition number (if it is the second edition or above). City, State (or country) of publisher: Publisher's name; copyright year. URL [provide the URL in this field; no need to use "URL:" preceding it]. Accessed [date].

### **Example: Electronic Book**

Sinton MM, Wilfley DE. Overweight/Obesity. In: Brown BB, Prinstein MJ, eds. *Encyclopedia of Adolescence*. San Diego: Academic Press; 2011:219-229. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-12-373951-3.00123-X>. Accessed April 4, 2013.

## **Website**

### **Basic Format**

Author(s), if given (often, no authors are given). 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 [provide URL and verify that the link still works as close as possible to publication]. Published [date]. Updated [date]. Accessed [date].

### **Example: Website**

U.S. National Library of Medicine. Streptococcal Infections. MedlinePlus. <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/streptococcalinfections.html>. Accessed April 4, 2013.

## IN-TEXT CITING

References in the AMA style will be numbered consecutively with Arabic numerals in the order in which they are cited within your paper. In the example below, the first article referenced is given the number one in superscript. In the References section, you will find the matching article listed as number 1.

### Example Article

Cottler L, McCloskey D, Evanoff B, et al. Community needs, concerns, and perceptions about health research: Findings from the clinical and translational science award sentinel network. *Am J Public Health*. 2013;103(4):941-e8.

### In-Text Citation Example

Although more than 80 000 clinical trials are conducted each year in the United States, less than 1% of the population participates in these studies.<sup>1</sup> Women, the elderly, members of racial/ethnic minority groups, and rural populations are often underrepresented in research,<sup>2,3</sup> leading to findings that do not account for genetic, cultural, linguistic, racial/ethnic, gender, and age differences. A repre-

### References Section Example

#### References

1. Mozes A. Report claims clinical trials miss many populations. Available at: <http://health.usnews.com/usnews/health/healthday/080401/report-claims-clinical-trials-miss-many-populations.htm>. Accessed December 2, 2012.
2. Murthy VH, Krumholz HM, Gross CP. Participation in cancer clinical trials: race-, sex-, and age-based disparities. *JAMA*. 2004;291(22):2720–2726.
3. Rochon PA, Mashari A, Cohen A, et al. The inclusion of minority groups in clinical trials: problems of under representation and under reporting of data. *Account Res*. 2004;11(3–4):215–223.

Use commas to separate multiple citation numbers in text, like you see between references 2 and 3. Superscript numbers are placed outside periods and commas, and inside colons and semicolons. When citing the same source more than once, give the number of the original reference. When more than two references are cited at a given place in the manuscript, use hyphens to join the first and last numbers of a closed series; use commas without space to separate other parts of a multiple citation.

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A print copy of AMA Manual of Style is available in the Reference Collection (R119 .A533 2007)

The [online version of the AMA Manual of Style](#) is available through the Ithaca College Library's [Writing & Citing](#) page and requires your netpass ID and password for access.

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