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American Medical Association [AMA] Citation Guidelines, 10th Edition

In-Text Citations

- Use superscript numerals to number sources according to the order in which they appear. Once a source has received a number, it keeps that number throughout the text.
- Placement: In-text citations should appear:
 - After the author name or source mention, if relevant; or
 - At the end of the sentence, after the end punctuation; or
 - After a grammatical pause (comma, semicolon, etc.) if multiple/different sources are being cited in a single sentence

References Page

- On the References page, center the word “References” at the top of the page. Then list and number sources according to their first appearance within the text, NOT alphabetically.
- For article and chapter titles (works within works), capitalize only the first word of the title, the first word after a colon, and/or any proper nouns. For journal names and book titles (standalone works), capitalize all words longer than three letters and italicize the entire name/title.
- Abbreviate journal names. To find the appropriate abbreviation, search the name of the journal through the online [NLM catalog in the NCBI databases](#).

The rest of this handout provides examples of in-text citations and references and is organized by Journal Articles, Books, and Web/Electronic Sources. It is an abridged sample of the most common source types and concerns.

<u>Journal Articles</u>	
References Page	An issue number is only required if a journal starts each issue on Page 1. If this is the case, document as follows: 1. Doe J. Human lung capacity. <i>Am Med J</i> . 2008;20(2):99-101.
References Page, More Than One Author	For a reference with more than one author, place a comma after the first and any middle initial of the previous author; do NOT use “and” to indicate the last author: 1. Doe J, Liwei Y, Brooks G. Human lung capacity. <i>Am J Med</i> . 2008;20(2):99-101.
In-Text Citation	A recent study ¹ found that the parietal cortex is important for managing time perception.
Direct Quotation	Always use page numbers for direct quotations. Place the page number (using p# or pp#-# format) in parentheses after the superscript number: Basic neural timing is important to brain functioning, ² yet “The parietal cortex is the main structure involved.” ^{3(p19)}
Subsequent Citations	When returning to an already-cited source after citing a different source, use the original superscript number from the first citation.

<u>Books</u>	[Books are cited in-text the same way as journal articles]
References Page	2. Hilton P. <i>Lungs: Nature's Air Bag</i> . Denver, CO: Parietal Publishing; 2009.
Multiple Editions	List the edition number after the title (for editions 2+): 3. Hilton P. <i>The Importance of the Heart</i> . 2nd ed. Denver, CO: Parietal Publishing; 2007.
Work in an Anthology	4. Hilton P, Richie N. Living the simple life. In: Varda P, Sparking Q, eds. <i>Anthology of Interesting Writing</i> . Denver, CO: Parietal Publishing; 2009;900-910.
Edited Book	5. Poole Q, Edgar U, eds. <i>Why Salt Matters</i> . Denver, CO: Parietal Publishing; 2001.

<u>Web/Electronic Sources</u>	[Include the following information in the reference for an electronic source:] Author(s), if given. Title of the specific item cited (if none is given, use the name of the organization responsible for the site). Name of the Web site. URL or DOI. Published date, if available. Updated date, if available. Accessed date.
	7. International Society for Infectious Diseases. ProMED-mail Web site. http://www.promedmail.org . Published January 15, 2003. Accessed April 29, 2004.
	8. Sullivan D. Major search engines and directories. SearchEngineWatch Web site. http://www.searchenginewatch.com/links/article.php/2156223 . Updated April 28, 2014. Accessed December 6, 2015.
	9. Interim guidance about avian influenza A (H5N1) for US citizens living abroad. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site. http://www.cdc.gov/travel/other/avian_flu_ig_americans_abroad_032455.htm . Updated November 18, 2014. Accessed December 6, 2015.
	10. Sample size calculation. Grapentine Co Inc. http://www.grapentine.com/calculator.htm . Accessed December 6, 2014.

For more information and examples, please refer to the *American Medical Association Manual of Style*.

For information on related concepts, please see the following handouts:

- Principles of Scientific Writing