

AMA Documentation Style Quick Reference

This handout is designed to provide a quick reference to using the American Medical Association style for citing information sources. For a more detailed explanation of the American Medical Association style, see Chapter 2 of *American Medical Association Manual of Style 9th Edition*. A copy is also located in the UWC.

Citing Print Sources

Books

<p>One author</p>	<p>Author last name Author first initials. Title of Book. Place of publication: Publisher; year. Bates WH. <i>The Bates Method for Better Eyesight Without Glasses</i>. New York: Henry Holt & Co; 1943.</p>
<p>More than one author -list all authors if six or less, otherwise list first three followed by “et al”</p>	<p>Author(s) separated by commas. Title of Book. Place of publication: Publisher; year. Goldberg L, Elliot DL. <i>Exercise for Prevention and Treatment of Illness</i>. Philadelphia, Pa: FA Davis Co; 1994.</p>
<p>Edited book</p>	<p>Author(s), eds. Title of Book. Place of publication: Publisher; year. Armitage JO, Antman KH, eds. <i>High Dose Cancer Therapy: Pharmacology; Hermatopoiетins, Stems Cells</i>. Baltimore, Md: Williams & Wilkins; 1995.</p>
<p>Chapter or article from a book</p>	<p>Author(s) of article. Title of article. In: Editor’s name, ed. Title of Book. Place of Publication: Publisher; Year: Chapter or page number. Gamble VN. On becoming a physician: A dream not deferred. In: White EC, ed. <i>The Black Women’s Health Book: Speaking for Ourselves</i>. Seattle, Wash: Seal Press; 1990: 52-64.</p>

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 9th Edition* (pp. 297-318).

<p>One Author -do not include issue number or month unless volumes are not consecutively numbered</p>	<p>Author. Article title. Name of Journal. Month Year;Volume:Inclusive page numbers. Angelo J. A survey of persons who use integrated control devices. <i>Assist Technol.</i> 1998;10:77-83.</p>
<p>More than one author -list all authors if six or less, otherwise list first three followed by “et al”</p>	<p>Author (s) of article. Article title. Name of Journal. Year;Volume:Inclusive page numbers. Wormser GP, Ramanathan R, Nowakowski J, et al. Duration of antibiotic therapy for early Lyme disease. <i>Ann Intern Med.</i> 2003;138:697-705.</p>

Citing Electronic Sources

The *AMA Manual of Style* gives a few guidelines for citing electronic information. According to the *AMA Manual of Style*, “When citing an electronic document that also exists in print form, you should cite the version you consulted” (pp. 44).

<p>Information from online journals without volume and page information</p>	<p>Name of database [database online]. Place of publication: Database Producer; Year of publication. Updated. CANCERNET-PDQ [database online]. Bethesda, Md; National Cancer Institute; 1996. Updated March 29, 1996.</p>
<p>Articles from online journals without volume and page information</p>	<p>Author. Title of article. Name of Journal [serial online]. Date of article; document number. Harrison CL, Schmidt PQ, Jones JD. Aspirin compared with acetaminophen for relief of headache. <i>Online J Curr Clin Trials</i> [serial online]. January 2, 1992;doc 1.</p>
<p>Articles from online journals with volume and page information</p>	<p>Author. Title of article. Name of Journal [serial online]. Date of article; volume (number) page(s). Available from: Online provider, Place of publication. Date accessed. Friedman SA. Preeclampsia: a review of the role of prostaglandins. <i>Obstet Gynecol</i> [serial online]. January 1988;71 (1):22-37. Available from: BRS Information Technologies, McLean, Va. Accessed December 15, 1990.</p>
<p>Web pages</p>	<p>Author or responsible body. Title of Web page. Available at: URL. Date accessed. World Health Organization. Cumulative Number of Reported Probable Cases of SARS. Available at:</p>

	http://www.who.int/csr/sars/country/2003_06_02/en/ . Accessed June 3, 2003.
Full text journal database available via the Web	Author(s). Article title. Name of Journal [serial online]. Year:volume;page numbers. Available from database [database online] at: database URL. Date accessed. Hadaway LC. Vesicant extravasation. <i>Nursing</i> [serial online]. 2001:31;88. Available from HealthSource [database online] at: http://search.epnet.com . Accessed May 31, 2003.
E-mail -personal communications should be listed parenthetically in text	Name of person who sent message, [e-mail address of sender], date message was sent. (J. M. Kramer, K. Kramer [jmkramer@umich.edu], e mail, March 6, 1996).

Citing Sources within Text

According to the *AMA Manual of Style*, “Each reference should be cited in the text, tables, or figures in consecutive numerical order by means of superscript Arabic numerals” (30). Use commas to separate multiple citation numbers in text. Corresponding references should be listed in numeric order at the end of the document. Unpublished work and personal communications should be cited parenthetically. See pages 30-31 of the *AMA Manual of Style*.

. . . Of the respondents, 95% felt that discharge arrangements were adequately explained to them.⁴

4. Cleary M, Horfall J, Hunt GE. Consumer feedback on nursing care. *J Adv Nurs*. 2003; 42:269-277.

Reference List

Iverson C et al. *American Medical Association Manual of Style: A Guide for Authors and Editors 9th Edition*. Baltimore: Williams-Waverly; 1998.