Citation Style Guide

AMA Style

The documentation style recommended by the American Medical Association (AMA) is widely used for writing in the biomedical sciences.

Note:

- In AMA style, the list of works cited is called "References."
- Number references in the order they first appear in the text; do not alphabetize.
- List all authors if six or less, otherwise list first three followed by et al.
- Journal titles are abbreviated as shown in the National Library of Medicine Catalog (available from PubMed – Journals in NCBI Databases)

In Text Citations:

In text, tables, and legends, identify references with superscript numbers. The number should correspond to the order in which the source was first cited/used. Place superscript numbers after a comma or period, but before a semicolon or colon. Use the same superscript number each time you refer to that same source.

Example: Flexibility is key to pain management. ³

If you are including the author’s name in the sentence, you should put the superscript number right after their name.

Examples: According to Smith¹ students become more comfortable with AMA style after repeated use.

If you are using a direct quotation, and inserting author’s name in the sentence, put a superscript after the author’s name, then the page number after the quoted material.

Smith² claims “without knowledge of AMA style, most medical scholars will find it difficult to publish.” (p21)
References Examples:

**Article from journal, magazine or newspaper**

**Electronic Journal Article with DOI**


*Note: When the DOI is provided, it is preferable to cite it rather than the URL. No accessed date is required when using a DOI.*

**Electronic Journal Article without DOI**


**Print Journal Article**


**Online Newspaper Article**


**Print Newspaper Article**


**eBooks and Print Books**

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*Note: If using an entire e-book, omit the chapter author and chapter title.*
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Entire Book by Two or More Authors, Print Version

Chapter in an Edited Book, Print Version

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Transcription of a TV or radio broadcast

Figures (graphs, maps, illustrations, images, photos)

Acknowledge a figure directly beneath it. If you do not include the source in your reference list, then provide all the information in the acknowledgement below the figure (see figure on left). If you do include the source in your reference list, then you can refer to it with a superscript number (see figure on right). A figure reference should include as much of the following information as is applicable and/or possible: artist's name, title of figure, institution where held, title of article or book, author of article or book, title and date of journal, database name, date of access if online, date of publication if originally from print material, URL if applicable.

See examples below:
A. Varus knee with osteoarthritis.


B. Right total knee replacement.

Reprinted from Schwartz's Principles of Surgery, 10th Edition

Other Sources

Website (if there is an author, list first)


Government Report, Corporate Author


References
