American Medical Association Quick Citation Guide

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REFERENCE LIST CITATION FORMATS

General considerations:

- **On Presentation Reference List:** List references in alphabetical order by first author’s name (or title if no authors).
- **(When writing papers: List references in numerical order of use in the text, at the end of the manuscript.)**
- List all authors/editors if six or less, otherwise list first three followed by “et al.”
- Italicize titles of books, journals, magazines, newspapers, media, databases. (Do not italicize names of web sites, government documents, patents.)
- Use journal title abbreviations found in the PubMed Journals Database.

**Books (Printed)**

**One author**

Turnock BJ. *Public Health: What It Is and How It Works*. Sudbury, MA: Jones and Bartlett; 2009.

**More than one author**


**Corporate author**


**Edited book**


**More than one editor**

Levin BL, Hurd PD, Hanson A, eds. *Introduction to Public Health in Pharmacy*. Sudbury, MA: Jones and Bartlett; 2008.

**Chapter**

**Articles (Printed)**

One author


More than one author


Editorials, letters, etc.


Supplement


Popular magazine


Newspaper


**Other Printed Sources**

Government document


Patent


Thesis/dissertation


Unpublished meeting presentations


Published meeting presentations

Electronic Resources

Home page or web site

Page within a web site

Online report or monograph

Online video

Database record

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eJournal with page numbers

E-pub ahead of print

Online popular magazine

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CITING SOURCES IN THE TEXT (for writing papers, not slide presentations)

Each reference should be cited in the text, tables, or figures in consecutive numerical order, using superscript Arabic numerals. Use superscript numerals outside periods and commas, but inside colons and semicolons. Avoid placing a superscript reference citation immediately after a number. Only surnames of authors are used in the text.

Examples:

- Smith\(^1\) reported 8 instances of infection.
- The 2 largest studies to date included 35 patients\(^2\) and 40 patients\(^3\).
- As reported previously\(^4\)\(^-\)\(^6\),
- The data were as follows\(^7\)\(^,\)\(^8\):
- The patients showed no sign of adverse effects. \(^2\)\(^,\)\(^9\)

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