American Medical Association Quick Citation Guide

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General considerations:

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- 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.
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- 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.

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### Articles (Printed)

**One author**  

**More than one author**  

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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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