QUICK REFERENCE CITATION FORMAT
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Listed below are some of the more commonly used citations depicting the correct citation format; however, these are examples only. More recent editions may have been published. Refer to other examples and explanations in AMA Manual of Style: A Guide for Authors and Editors. 10th ed. New York: Oxford Press;2007.

Article in Journals
Typical entry for journal article

Note: If the journal does not have a volume or issue number, use the issue date.

Typical entry for journal with more than 6 authors (If more than 6 authors, list first 3, then et al)

Issue with supplement (the basic format)

Note: if there is no suppl number, leave it blank, e.g., (1)(suppl):S5-S10.

Editorials or letters (place the article type in brackets [ ]) Whitcomb ME. The April issue: required reading [editorial]. Acad Med. 2007;82(4):319-320.


No author
Pediatric studies become costlier; Congress may make them less profitable. Prescr Pharm and Biotechnol: Pink Sheet. 2007;69(12):23-24.


Books
Book with one author or editor


Book with two or more authors/editors


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Chapter in book

Note: See FAQ section for citing multiple pages of a book with chapters.


Books complied by group, agency or committee (no author or editor)


Serial Books that are updated (include no publication date, only page number after colon)


Note: cite like a book chapter; however, the 4-I-5 represents section 4 (Gastroenterology), Chap I (Esophageal Disorders) and the page number (5).

Other Published Material
Package Insert

Newspapers

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Electronic Media
Online Package Insert

Note: the above is the official online package insert from the manufacturer, not a patient product/counseling notice. The date (October 2007) is the last modification date, normally found at the end of the package insert file.

Online Journals (journal article) on Internet

Note: the above citation is without page numbers; some online journals have inclusive page numbers, thus, use same format, but include pages after the colon; e.g., :733-736.

PubMed Abstract Citation

Note: abstract is placed in brackets [ ] to indicated the citation is solely an abstract; also, note that the PMID (PubMed Unique Identifier) number is placed last.

IPA Abstract Citation

Note: abstract is depicted in brackets [ ] to indicated the citation is solely an abstract; also, note that the accession number is placed last. The PMID and Accession number for both PubMed and IPA uniquely identify the citations.

Epub Ahead of Print

Note: Ahead of Print citations can be difficult. If the volume, issue number, date, or pages of the print information are known, include what is known after the journal title and year (e.g., Chest. 2007; vol (issue #):page(s)). If you were citing an Epub ahead of print abstract from PubMed, the [abstract] notation is placed after the journal title and before the period.

Internet-based Book (eBook)

General Internet
Note: the basic format for Web sites is: Author(s), if give and many times there are none; title of the specific item cited, if any; name of the Web site; URL; published and/or update, if any; accessed date.


Software (CD)
Note: Dates associated with various software may be updates or file dates or some other indication of currency.

Clinisphere [computer program]. Version 4.2. St Louis, MO: Facts and Comparisons; Feb 03.


CD-ROM on Book

Software (Palm)
Note: All Palm software follows the same basic format: Name of the company that licensed the software usage (e.g., Lexi-Comp), name of book or database (Lexi-Drugs, comp + specialties) [computer program]. compiler of database (Lexi-Comp, Skyscape); date and/or version/date of program (Ver:4.0.46/2003.8.31).

ePocrates (ePocrates Rx) [computer program]. ePocrates, Inc; Ver 6.12/Oct 1, 2003.

Lexi-Comp (Medical Abbreviations) [computer program]. Lexi-Comp; Sep 22, 2003.

Skyscape (Dorland's Pocket Medical Dictionary) [computer program]. Skyscape; Ver:4.0.46/2003.8.31.

Excel (Part of Microsoft Office Professional Edition) [computer program]. Microsoft; 2003.

Databases

Personal Communication, e.g., conversations, letters, email, lectures, etc.
Place personal communication citation in the text with no citation number, e.g., “In a conversation with A.B. Smith, MD (March 2003)....” Or “According to a letter from A.B. Smith, MD (March 2003)....” Or “According to the manufacturer (A.B. Smith, PhD, oral communication, March 2003), the drug was approved in the US in March 2003.”

The author should give the date of the communication and indicate whether it was oral or written; furthermore, often the affiliation of the person is helpful to better establish the relevance and authority of

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the citation. Citing lectures is the basically the same, e.g., “According to Dr. Schrimsher (PubMed lecture, Sep 2003, Samford University, McWhorter School of Pharmacy), controlled vocabulary should always be used first prior to searching any database.”

FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) regarding citations.
Can I cite an article that is in the reference section (or cited) of the article I am currently reading?
Generally, you should not do this, that is, cite an article that is cited within an another article. The rule is to cite exactly where you are obtaining the material and thus, pointing to the reader to where the information is, in case the reader desires to read and/or obtain the material you have cited.

Where in the book is the best place to find the exact authors/editors, publisher, date of publication, etc?
Generally, every book has a distinctive “title page” which depicts authors or editors, publisher and location, and edition. The date of publication (or copyright date) is sometimes at the bottom of the title page, but most often, it is the next page and the exact location varies; however, for the most part, it will appear as “©Copyright, 2002,” then the publisher. If there is no clear author/editor(s) on the title page, it is a good indication that the publisher is the author. Editorial staffs, associate editors, editorial assistants, are not considered the editor, thus no author/editor will be cited. For example, The Merck Index, 13th edition, book lists an editorial staff of seven persons, including a senior editor, editor emeritus, etc., however, none of these individuals would be cited as the “editor.”

What is the rule for citing page numbers if the book uses separate pagination within each chapter?
Follow the style used in the book; see the Mosby citation as an example. To separate the "thru" pages, use the "en dash" symbol (which is –).

How do I cite books with editor in chief?
If a book has only an editor in chief and no other editors, then list only the editor in chief (ed in chief). If a book lists an editor in chief, plus other editors (not associate editors, but designated editors), list the editors in order they appear on the title (or other) pages. Normally, the editor in chief will be listed first, followed by the other editors.

How do I cite software?
Software need not be cited in the reference section if it is mentioned only in passing or is available without charge via the Internet (e.g., shareware or freeware). However, if the reference is to using software for analysis purposes, e.g., SPSS or Excel, then a citation must be included.

How do I cite an author that has “Junior” with their name?
Cite the name as follows: Wallace RJ Jr, Smith AB, Jones SU III, …

Which city do I cite when the publisher lists several city locations?
Cite the first city listed. For example, if New York, Paris and London were listed as the publisher’s locations, cite New York, which was the first depicted on the title page of the book.

Must I use a registered trademark (®) when I cite/use that particular item, e.g., drug brand name?
Guidance: The new AMA manual of style edition (10th) specifically states that a trademark (e.g., ®, TM or SM) should not be used in scientific journal articles or references, but the initial letter of a trademarked word should be capitalized.

How do I cite multiple page numbers using only one source?
The AMA Manual stipulates that if the author wants to cite different places (or basically more than one set of pages) in the text from the same source (of a book only, not a journal article), the
page numbers are included in the superscript citation and the source appears only once in the list of references. (This is not the same as inclusive pages, which is explained below.) Additionally, when the source is listed in the references, no page numbers are included after the publication date (see next example regarding multiple pages in more than one book chapter). For example: Schrimsher\textsuperscript{(9,10)} reported 10 drugs that have been withdrawn by their manufacturers.

How to cite a book with two or more chapter authors and also simultaneously citing multiple pages from the same source (book)

The \textit{AMA Manual} does not illustrate a clear example regarding this issue; thus, to cite multiple pages from many (more than one) chapters by different authors, list a separate citation for each chapter cited.

For example, suppose I need to cite multiple pages from two authored chapters in \textit{Nelson textbook of pediatrics}. And example of the running text:

Prober\textsuperscript{(971)} examines several causes for infant central nervous infections; furthermore, Pickering\textsuperscript{20075-767} found similar causes for pediatric gastroenteritis.

References


Note that both chapter citations come from the same source (\textit{Nelson Textbook of Pediatrics}) and both would be listed separately in the reference section. Also, neither lists page numbers after the publication date because they are already shown with the citation number in superscript in the body text.

Furthermore, this method applies only to citing multiple pages from a single source.

What are inclusive pages?

Inclusive pages are pages with a dash between them, e.g., 10-15. Inclusive pages are considered a single cited entity, especially regarding books, which essentially tells the reader that the information cited is contained between the inclusive pages, and that the reader would literally have to read the inclusive pages to either find or understand what is being cited. Inclusive pages should not be confused with multiple page citations discussed earlier, they are two separate functions and purposes. Inclusive pages are generally used for citing concepts, discussions, etc. Do not substitute inclusive pages when you are essentially referring to a paragraph or few sentences on a single page. Pages cited should be as close as possible to the actual material you are referencing; furthermore, when citing inclusive pages, do not omit any page digits after the dash, e.g., 115-116.

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