

AMA Citation Style : A Concise Guide

When using AMA Style to cite references, please keep the following in mind.

1. All FULL CITATIONS ["references"] are made at the end of the paper.
2. FULL CITATIONS ["references"] are numbered and listed in the order they appear in the text.

List of Works Cited – Titled as: “REFERENCES”

- When listing your sources, number them according to their appearance in the text.

EXAMPLE of a list of Works Cited:

References

1. Gillman J. Religious perspectives on organ donation. *Crit Care Nurs Q*. November 1999;22:19-29.
2. Buse J, Smith B. Combining insulin and oral agents. *Am J Med*. April 2000;108 (suppl):23S-32S.
3. Altman LK. Medical errors bring calls for change. *New York Times*. July 18, 1995:C1, C10.
4. LaFollette MC. *Stealing into Print : Fraud, Plagiarism, and Misconduct in Scientific Publishing*. Los Angeles: University of California Press; 1992.

Citations in Text

- When citing your sources in text, number them in the order in which they appear in the text – using a superscript arabic numeral as in the examples following:

The reported findings¹ show that . . .

The data were as follows² . . .

As reported previously,^{3,4} the data . . . {Note: two sources cited in text.}

“ . . . in the absence of depression.”⁴ {Used with a direct quotation.}

When citing the same source more than once, reuse the original endnote number but include the specific page (in parentheses) you are making reference to. For example:

Altman's³ reported that the aversion to organ donation decreased in pietistic denominations which supported Gilman^{1 (p33)} and LaFollete's⁴ earlier findings.

CITING Periodicals:

Citations for journal articles should include the following basic information. Not every article will have all of these elements.

1. Authors' last names followed by his/her first and middle initials
2. Title of article and subtitle (if any)
3. Abbreviated name of journal -- IN ITALICS {current *Index Medicus* abbreviations}
For abbreviations go to:
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?db=journals>
and enter a journal name to search the PubMed Journals Database.
You can access the same database from the NLM homepage <http://www.nlm.nih.gov> by clicking on Health Information.
4. Year
5. Volume number
6. Part or supplement number (if it would help to find the journal article again), and issue month or number when there are non-sequential page numbers
7. Page numbers

EXAMPLES:

Journal Article, One Author:

1. Gillman J. Religious perspectives on organ donation. *Crit Care Nurs Q*. November 1999;22:19-29.

In-Text: The reported findings¹ show that . . .

Journal Article from a Supplement:

2. Buse J, Smith B. Combining insulin and oral agents. *Am J Med*. April 2000;108(suppl):23S-32S.

In-Text: The data were as follows². . .

Daily Newspaper Article, Discontinuous Pages:

3. Alltman LK. Medical errors bring calls for change. *New York Times*. July 18, 1995:C1, C10.

In-Text: As reported previously,³. . .

CITING Books:

Citations for books, chapters in books, etc. should include the following basic information. Not every book will have all of these elements.

1. Authors' last name followed by his/her first and middle initials
2. Chapter title
3. Last name and first and middle initials of book authors or editors (or translator, if any)
4. Title of book and subtitle, if any -- IN ITALICS
5. Volume number and volume title, when there is more than 1 volume
6. Edition (do not indicate 1st)
7. Place of publication
8. Publisher
9. Year of copyright
10. Page numbers, when specific pages are cited

EXAMPLES:

Reference to an Entire Book, One Author:

5. LaFollette MC. *Stealing into Print : Fraud, Plagiarism, and Misconduct in Scientific Publishing*. Los Angeles: University of California Press; 1992.

In-Text: According to LaFollette⁵ . . .

Reference to an Entire Book, Multiple Authors:

6. Smith J, Jones WB, Brown B. *Fibromyalgia for Profit*. 2nd ed. Austin: University of Texas Press; 1999.

In-Text: In a Texas scandal⁶ . . .

Reference to an Authored Chapter in a Book, with Multiple Editors:

7. Cole BR. Cystinosis and cystinuria. In: Jacobson HR, Striker GE, Klahr S, eds. *The Principles and Practice of Nephrology*. Philadelphia, Pa: BC Decker Inc; 1991:396-403.

In-Text: Using Cole's study⁷ we find . . .

CITING Government Documents:

8. US Bureau of the Census. *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 1999*. 119th ed. Washington, DC: US Bureau of the Census; 1999.

In-Text: As reported previously,⁸ the data . . .

CITING Electronic Sources:

Web Site:

9. Rapid Early Action for Coronary Treatment (REACT) Web site. Available at: <http://www.epi.umn.edu/react/>. Accessed July 19, 2000.

In-Text: As reported previously,⁹ the data . . .

Material from a Web Site:

10. National Institutes of Health. NIH guidelines on the inclusion of women and minorities as subjects in clinical research. Available at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/not94-100.html>. Accessed on July 19, 2000.

In-Text: As reported previously,¹⁰ the data . . .

Material from a Database:

11. Kemp, JP, Kemp JA. Management of Asthma in Children. *Am Fam Physician* [online]. 2001;63:1341-8, 1353-4. Available from: Ebsco Medline Comprehensive Fulltext. Accessed June 4, 2001.

In-Text: As reported previously,¹¹ the data . . .

E-Books:

12. Roemmelt AF. *Haunted Children: Rethinking Medication of Common Psychological Disorders* [e-book]. Albany, NY: SUNY Press; 1998. Available from: Netlibrary. Accessed June 4, 2001.

In-Text: As reported previously,¹² the data . . .

Please refer to the *American Medical Association Manual of Style* for more information and examples (call number: R 119 .A533 1998). Please contact a librarian with any questions.