

AMA Citation Guide

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- [American Medical Association Manual of Style \(11th edition\)](#). Online e-book.

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Books	
	Reference List
Single author	Author AA. <i>Title of Work</i> . Edition Number (if 2 nd ed. or higher). Publisher; Copyright year.
	LaFollette MC. <i>Stealing Into Print: Fraud, Plagiarism, and Misconduct in Scientific Publishing</i> . University of California Press; 1992.
Two to six authors	Author AA, Author BB. <i>Title of Work</i> . Edition Number (if 2 nd ed. or higher). Publisher; Copyright year.
	Venables WN, Ripley BD. <i>Modern Applied Statistics With S</i> . 4 th ed. Springer Publishing Co; 2003.
Seven or more authors	Author AA, Author BB, Author CC, et al. <i>Title of Work</i> . Edition Number (if 2 nd ed. or higher). Publisher; Copyright year.
	Doe JF, Roe JP, Coe RT, et al. <i>Middleton's Allergy: Principles and Practice</i> . Mosby; 2003.
Editor in place of author	Editor AA, ed. <i>Title of Work</i> . Edition Number (if 2 nd ed. or higher). Publisher; Copyright year. Name of series, if applicable.
	Sutcliffe J, ed. <i>The New York Public Library Writer's Guide to Style and Usage</i> . HarperCollins Publishers Inc; 1994.
Author(s) and Editor(s)	Author AA. <i>Title of Work</i> . Editor AA, Editor BB, eds. Edition Number (if 2 nd ed. or higher). Publisher; Copyright year.
	Klassen CD. <i>Goodman Gilman's The Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics</i> . Hardman JG, Limbird LE, eds. McGraw-Hill Book Co; 2001.
Group as author	Group (Acronym if applicable). <i>Title of Work</i> . Edition Number (if 2 nd ed. or higher). Publisher; Copyright year.
	World Health Organization (WHO). <i>Injury: A Leading Cause of the Global Burden of Disease</i> . World Health Organization; 2002.
Chapter in book	Chapter Author AA. Title of chapter. In: Editor AA, Editor BB, eds. <i>Title of Book</i> . Edition Number (if 2 nd ed. or higher). Publisher; Copyright year.:Page-Page.
	Solensky R. Drug allergy: desensitization and treatment of reactions to antibiotics and aspirin. In: Lockey P, ed. <i>Allergens and Allergen Immunotherapy</i> . 3 rd ed. Marcel Dekker; 2004:585-606.
Electronic Book	Author AA. <i>Title of Work</i> . Edition Number (if 2 nd ed. or higher). Publisher; Copyright year. Accessed date. URL (or DOI, if provided)
	Lunney JR, Foley KM, Smith TJ, Gelband H. <i>Describing Death in America: What We Need to Know</i> . National Cancer Policy Board, Institute of Medicine; 2003. Accessed December 6, 2011. http://www.nap.edu/books/030987252/html/ .

CD-Rom/Digital/ Audiobook	Author AA. <i>Title of Work</i> . Edition Number (if 2 nd ed. or higher). Book medium. Publisher; Copyright year:chap#
	Skloot R. <i>The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks</i> . Kindle E-Book. Random House; 2010:chap31.
Multiple Editions	Author AA, Author BB. <i>Title of Work</i> . Nth ed. Publisher; Year.
	Schlant RC, Alexander RW. <i>Hurst's the Heart: Arteries and Veins</i> . 8th ed. McGraw-Hill Book Co; 1994.

Multiple Volumes, Same Title	Author AA. <i>Title of Work</i> . Vol No. Publisher; Year.
	US Department of Health and Human Services. <i>Understanding and Improving Health and Objectives for Improving Health</i> . Vol 1. 2nd ed. US Dept of Health and Human Services; 2000.
Multiple Volumes, Different Title	Author AA. <i>Title of Work</i> . Publisher; Year. <i>Title of Volume</i> ; vol. no.
	Kleiss W, Marcus C, Wabitsch M, eds. <i>Obesity in Childhood and Adolescence</i> . Karger; 2004. <i>Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine</i> ; vol. 9.

Please note that volume number does not need to be repeated after the year if it's already mentioned in the title of the volume.

Dictionary or Encyclopedia – Online version	Title of entry. In: Editor AA, ed. <i>Title of Work</i> . Name of the Web site. Accessed date. URL.
	Back-formation. In: Hoad, TF, ed. <i>The Concise Oxford Dictionary of English Etymology</i> . Encyclopedia.com Web site. Accessed April 14, 2012. http://www.encyclopedia.com/topic/back-formation.aspx .

Further in-text citation examples and Reference examples can be found in the AMA guide Section 3.

Journal Articles and Other Periodicals	
Reference List	
One to Six authors	Author AA, Author BB. Title of article <i>Abbr Journal Title</i> . Year;Volume(Issue):Page-Page. DOI (if supplied)
	Hydul A, Croft JB, Ayala C, Zheng K, Zheng Z-J, Mensah GA. Pulmonary hypertension surveillance--United States, 1980-2002. <i>MMWR Surveill Summ</i> . 2005;54(5):1-28. https://doi.org/10.1378/chest.14-0527
Seven or more authors	Author AA, Author BB, Author CC, et al. Title of article. <i>Abbr Journal Title</i> . Year;Volume(Issue): Page-Page. DOI (if supplied)
	Rainer S, Thomas D, Tokarz D, et al. Myofibrillogenesis regulator 1 gene mutations cause paroxysmal dystonic choreoathetosis. <i>Arch Neurol</i> . 2004;61(7):1025-1029.
Electronic Journal article – online only	Author AA, Author BB, Author CC, et al. Title of article. <i>Abbr Journal Title</i> . Year or publication dateVolume(Issue) (if any). DOI. Accessed date. URL.
	Gore D, Haji SA, Balashanmugam A, et al. Light and electron microscopy of macular corneal dystrophy: a case study. <i>Digit J Ophthalmol</i> . 2004;10. Accessed March 4, 2012. http://www.djo.harvard.edu/site.php?url=/physicians/oa/671 .
Newspaper/Magazine article - print	Author AA. Title of article. <i>Title of Magazine/Newspaper</i> . Month Day, Year:Section (if applicable):Page number (if applicable).
	Anderson E. The Code of the Streets. <i>Atlantic Monthly</i> . May, 1993:81-94.
	Author AA. Title of article. <i>Title of Magazine/Newspaper</i> . Month Day, Year:Page-Page. Accessed date. URL.

Newspaper / Magazine article - online	Perez-Pena R. Children in shelters hit hard by asthma. <i>New York Times</i> . March 2, 2004. Accessed January 23, 2012. http://www.nytimes.com/2004/03/02/nyregion/02asthma.html .
<i>Further Reference examples for journals and other periodicals can be found in the AMA Guide Section 3.</i>	

Informally Published Material – Reports, Theses, etc.	
Reference List	
Report - with Author - online version	Author AA. Title of report. Published/Updated/Revised date. Accessed date. URL.
	World Medical Association. Declaration of Helsinki: ethical principles for medical research involving human subjects. Updated June 10, 2002. Accessed February 26, 2012. http://www.wma.net/e/policy/b3.htm .
Conference paper/ proceedings - electronic	Presenter AA, Presenter BB. Title of paper/presentation. Paper/Poster presented at: Conference Title; Month Day, Year; Location. Accessed date. URL.
	Chu H, Rosenthal M. Search engines for the World Wide Web: a comparative study and evaluation methodology. Paper presented at: America Society for Information Science 1996 Annual Conference; October 19-24, 1996; Baltimore, MD. Accessed February 26, 2012. http://www.asis.org/annual-96/electronicproceedings/chu.html .
Dissertation or Thesis	Author AA. <i>Title of Work</i> . [dissertation/masters thesis]. Location: Institution; Year. Accessed date. URL
	Cheung, Win. <i>Insights into the regulation of O-GlcNAc transferase and protein GlcNAcylation</i> [dissertation]. John Hopkins University; 2009. Accessed June 2, 2019. http://search.proquest.com/docview/304902952/
Course Lectures or Lecture Notes	Professor, AA. Title of Lecture. [class lecture/lecture notes] Institution; Location; Date.
	Shetler JB. Tanzania. [Class lecture]. Goshen, IN: Goshen University College; January 23, 2000.
Presentation	Author AA. Title of presentation. Paper/Abstract/Poster/etc. Presented at: Event; Month Day, Year; Location. Accessed date. URL.
	Cheng, YC. Reform syndrome and educational research in the Asia-Pacific region. Presented at: Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association; March 28, 2008; New York, NY. Accessed June 8, 2011. http://www.wearonline.org/ .
Personal interviews	Unpublished interviews are not included in the reference list. They should be referenced directly in the text, specifying the type of communication.
	Similar findings have been noted by H. E. Marman, MD (written communication, August 2005).
<i>Further Reference examples for other informally published materials can be found in the AMA Guide Section 3.</i>	

Webpages and Websites	
Reference List	

Web page/ Section of website - author	Author AA. Web page title. Name of Web site. Published/Updated date. Accessed date. URL.
	Sullivan, D. Major search engines and directories. SearchEngineWatch Web site. Updated April 28, 2004. Accessed December 6, 2011. http://www.searchenginewatch.com/links/article.php/2156221 .
Website - organization	Web page title. Organization. Published/Updated date. Accessed date. URL.
	Sample size calculation. Grapentine Co Inc. Accessed November 28, 2011. http://www.grapentine.com/calculator.htm .
Website – no author/ organization	Web page title. Name of Web site. Published/Updated date. Accessed date. URL.
	Interim guidance about avian influenza A (H5N1) for US citizens living abroad. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site. Updated November 18, 2005. Accessed December 6, 2005. http://www.cdc.gov/travel/other/avian_flu_ig_americans_abroad_032405.htm .
Email/E-mail Lists (Listserve)	Personal communications are not included in the reference list. They should be listed parenthetically in the text and should include the name and highest academic degree(s) of the person sending the message, as well as the date.
	There have been no subsequent reports of toxic reactions in the exposed groups (Joan Smith, MD, e-mail communication, March 29, 2004).
Blog post	Author AA. Post title. <i>Blog Title Blog</i> . Posted date. Accessed date. URL.
	Kraft M. Collaborative technologies and science: More tools or more risk? <i>The Krafty Librarian Blog</i> . Posted January 21, 2008. Accessed March 18, 2012. http://ikraftylibrarian.com/2008/01/collaborative-technologies-and-science.html .
<i>Further Reference examples for webpages and websites can be found in the AMA Guide Section 3.</i>	

Government Documents	
Reference List	
Government report – print version	Author AA, Author BB. Title of Report. Publisher; Published/Updated Date (if available). Accessed Date..
	Johnston LD, O'Malley PM, Bachman JG. Monitoring the Future: National Survey Results on Adolescent Drug Use: Overview of Key Findings. National Institute on Drug Abuse, US Dept of Health and Human Services; 2003. Accessed June 15, 2020.
Government report – author unknown	Organization. Title of Report. Title of Report. Publisher; Published/Updated Date (if available). Accessed Date.-
	National Institutes of Health, US Department of Health and Human Services. Strategic Plan for NIH Obesity Research: A Report to the NIH Obesity Research Task Force. BNational Institute of Health; 2004. Accessed June 15, 2020.
Government report – online version	Author AA, Author BB. Organization. Title of report. Publication/Updated date (if available). Date Accessed. URL.
	World Medical Association. Declaration of Helsinki: ethical principles for medical research involving human subjects. Updated June 10, 2002. Accessed February 26, 2017. http://wma.net/e/policy/b3.htm .
<i>Further Reference examples for government documents can be found in the AMA Guide Section 3.</i>	

Media	
	Reference List
DVD, videotapes	Director AA. <i>Title of Work</i> [DVD/videotape]. Publisher. Year.
	Acland RD. <i>Acland's DVD Atlas of Human Anatomy</i> [DVD]. Lippincott Williams & Wilkins; 2003.
Video from website	Organization. <i>Title of Video</i> [video]. Published/Updated date. Accessed date. URL.
	Public Broadcasting Corporation (PBS). <i>Bill Moyers Talks with Ethicist Peter Singer</i> [video]. May 14, 2004. Accessed March 9, 2012. http://www.pbs.org/now/thisweek/index_051404.html . Published May 14, 2004.
Transcript of Television/Radio Broadcast	Title of transcript [transcript]. <i>Title of Show</i> . Publisher. Published/Updated date. Accessed Date. URL (if available).
	Shutting out Tourette's syndrome [transcript]. <i>60 Minutes</i> . CBS television. January 17, 2005. Accessed June 15, 2020.
Podcasts & Other Media	Podcast Host/Creator. <i>Title of Podcast</i> . Title of Episode. Month Day, Year. Accessed Date. URL.
	Meraji, Shereen Marisol. <i>Code Switch</i> . After the Cameras Leave. August 7, 2019. Accessed: June 1, 2020. https://www.npr.org/2019/08/07/747012446/after-the-cameras-leave
Apps & Interactive Games	Title of App/Game. Developer. Published/Updated date. Version (if applicable). URL (if applicable).
	Scribd. Scribd Inc. 2012. Version 10.11. https://www.scribd.com/
Facebook	Title of Facebook page. Content of Post. Published Date. Accessed Date. URL
	CBC News. The company then hopes to reopen on July 3 in as many other markets across the country as government and health authorities allow. June 15, 2020. Accessed June 16, 2020. https://www.facebook.com/cbcnews/posts/10158773656009604 .
Twitter	@TwitterHandle. Content of Tweet. Published Date. Accessed date. URL.
	@TimesHigherEd. Data can improve our sustainability work: in the post-Covid world we have a chance to increase our use of data to better understand research opportunities and student learning, says Dawn Freshwater https://bit.ly/2YxFaMV . June 14, 2020. Accessed June 15, 2020. https://twitter.com/timeshighered/status/1272204684829261826
Instagram	@InstagramHandle. Content of Instagram Post. Published Date. Accessed Date. URL.
	@WesternUniversity. @Bell #WesternU partnership creates a 'living lab' that will shape future of smart cities, autonomous vehicles, and communications security, all using advanced 5G technologies. June 11, 2020. Accessed June 15, 2020. https://www.instagram.com/p/CBSykLQHFki/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link
YouTube	Creator. Title of YouTube video. Published Date. Accessed Date. URL.
	Wired. Bill Nye Answers Even More Science Questions From Twitter. April 17, 2018. Accessed June 15, 2020. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mhDNQ2rOQKw
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	Author AA, Author BB. Title of article. <i>Abbr Journal Title</i> . Year;Volume(Issue):Page-Page. Cited in Author AA, Author BB. Title of article. <i>Abbr Journal Title</i> . Year;Volume(Issue):Page-Page.
	Cauley JA, Lui L-Y, Ensrud KE, et al. Osteoporosis and fracture risk in women of different ethnic groups. <i>JAMA</i> . 2005;293(17):2102-2108. Cited by: Acheson LS. Bone density and the risk of fractures: should treatment thresholds vary by race [editorial]? <i>JAMA</i> . 2005;293(17):2151-2154.
No date	Use citation format appropriate to work. Example below is a website.
	Smith J. Gvu's 10th WWW User Survey. Gvu's WWW User Surveys Web site. http://www.gvu.gatech.edu/user_surveys/survey-1998-10/ . Date unknown. Accessed January 4, 2012.

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- Begin your reference list on a new page headed *References*. References should be listed in numerical order at the end of the manuscript (except for personal communications). References should be single spaced and are not indented. See the example below:
 1. Goldstein P. *Copyright's Highway: From Gutenberg to the Celestial Jukebox*. Rev ed. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press; 2003.
 2. Mishkin B. Urgently needed: policies on access to data by erstwhile collaborators. *Science*. 1997;270(5238):927-928.
- In the text, citations should be numbered with superscript numbers and then listed consecutively at the end of the manuscript.
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 - Ulrich's Periodicals Directory (<https://guides.lib.uwo.ca/az.php?a=u-U>). Search by journal title or keywords and click the link for more information. Abbreviations are located in the "Additional Title Details" section under "MEDLINE Abbreviation."
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