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AMA CITATION STYLE

Here are some common examples of the way to format citations in AMA. Note that a citation is divided with periods into groups: author, title, journal title, etc. Commas, colons, and semicolons are used discretely.

Journal article (1-6 authors): all names included

Kallet RH. How to write the methods section of a research paper. *Resp Care*. 2004;49(10):1229-1232.

Journal article (7+ authors): first three only (never use “and”)

Ahmed S, Khan A, Ali SI, et al. Differences in symptoms and presentation delay times in myocardial infarction patients with and without diabetes: a cross-sectional study in Pakistan. *Indian Heart J*. 2018;70(2):241-245.

Electronic journal article: with a DOI

Gage BF, Fihn SD, White RH. Management and dosing of warfarin therapy. *Am J Med*. 2000;109(6):481-488. doi:10.1016/S0002-934(00)00545-3.

Electronic report: government/organization source

World Health Organization. Equitable access to essential medicines: a framework for collective action. Published March 2004. Accessed March 21, 2019. http://whqlibdoc.who.int/hq/2004/WHO_EDM_2004.4.pdf.

PDF:

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. *Measles data and statistics*. Atlanta, GA: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; 2018. Accessed March 21, 2019. <https://www.cdc.gov/measles/downloads/measlesdataandstatsslideset.pdf>.

Special Collections:

Abbot, JH. Principles recognized by scientific men applied to the ether controversy. In: *Littell's Living Age*; No. 214. June 17, 1848. Located at: Logan Clendening Anesthesia Collection Finding Aid, Clendening Library, Kansas City, Kansas.

Other AMA Tips:

In a manuscript that follows AMA, the sources paraphrased, summarized, or quoted are numbered consecutively by means of a superscript Arabic numeral. AMA specifies that Arabic superscript numbers should appear **outside** periods and commas but **inside** colon and semicolons:

As previously reported,¹

The derived data were as follows²:

When more than two references are cited at a given place in the manuscript, use hyphens to join the first and last numbers of a closed series; use commas without spaces to separate other parts of a multiple citation:

As previously reported,^{1-3,8,12}

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The **reference list** constitutes all the information numbered in the body of the manuscript. References must be numbered in consecutive order at the end of the manuscript. Never combine two or more references under a single reference number. Note the format, spacing, and capitalization of the reference list:

1. World Health Organization. *Injury: A Leading Cause of the Global Burden of Disease, 2000*. Geneva, Switzerland: World Health Organization; 2002.
2. US Veterans Health Administration/Department of Defense. *Clinical Practice Guidelines: Diabetes Mellitus Algorithms—Module F: Food Care*. Washington, DC: Veterans Health Administration; 2003.
3. Gross R, Neria Y. Posttraumatic stress among survivors of bioterrorism. *JAMA*. 2004;292(5):566.
4. Duchin JS. Can preparedness for biological terrorism save us from pertussis? *Arch Pediatr Adolesc Med*. 2004;158(2):106-107. <http://archpedi.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/full/158/2/106>.

The first citation is a book. The second is a government report. The third is a print journal article. And the fourth is an online journal article. There are many other citation details depending on the nature of the source, e.g., website, online newspaper, database, conference proceedings, and so forth. You will need to consult the *AMA Manual of Style* (11th edition) for complete information. These examples, however, should help you get the hang of this citation style.