



AMA Quick Guide

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When using the American Medical Association (AMA) Style to cite references, create a “**References**” list at the end of your paper. The sources in the “**Reference**” list are numbered and listed in the order they appear in your paper. The format for different kinds of reference entries is given below.

For in-text citation, sources are numbered in the order they appear using a **superscript reference number**². You could include **page numbers for direct quotes**^{2(p15)}. Once you cite a source, use the same number to refer to it thereafter (so Source 1 is always 1, even if you cite it multiple times and on different pages).



Different kinds of sources require particular publication information and punctuation.

Book

1. Last name First initial (for all authors). *Title* (italicized and capitalized as usual). Place of Publication: Publisher; Year of Publication.

Reference number (in order cited)



1. Wenger E. *Communities of Practice: Learning, Meaning, and Identity*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press; 1998.

Article (in print)

2. Last name First initial (for all authors). Article title (only first word and proper nouns capitalized). *Journal Title* (capitalized as usual, abbreviated). Month Year; Volume (Issue): Page range.
2. Ding D. The passive voice and social values in science. *J[ournal of] Tech[nical] Writing and Comm[unication]*. June 2002; 32(2): 137-154.

Article from an Online Database

3. Last name First initial. Article title. *Journal Title* [serial online]. Month Year Month; Volume(Issue): Page range. Available from (Name of Database, City, State). Accessed Month Day, Year.
3. Ding D. The passive voice and social values in science. *J Tech Writing and Comm* [serial online]. June 2002; 32(2): 137-154. Available from MEDLINE, Ipswich, MA. Accessed January 21, 2009.

Website

4. Last name First initial or Name of Agency. Title of specific webpage. Title of Website. Date created. Available at (URL). Accessed Month Day, Year.
4. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Alcohol—an important women’s health issue. National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. July 2004. Available at <http://pubs.niaaa.nih.gov/publications/aa62/aa62.htm>. Accessed January 21, 2009.

Special Cases

Multiple Authors

List all names **in the order given**, last name followed by first initial

5. Kim CS, Liu J, Kwon JY, Shin SK, Kim KJ. Venous air embolism during surgery, especially cesarean delivery. *J Korean Med Sci.* 2008:753-61.

Unpublished Data (from your or someone else's research)

Do not include in the references list. Cite in-text in a parenthetical note.

Ex. These findings have yet to be confirmed (**B. Parks, unpublished data, December 2008**).

In-Text Citations

General Reference (not quoted directly)

Ex. The first study to examine the affect of anesthesia on patients with Rett syndrome was published in 1989.¹

Direct Quotation

Ex. In this case, the patient's "temperature fell to 33.5° C within two hours despite warming of the room to 26° C."^{1(p478)}



Reference numbers stay the same for a source regardless of how often or where you cite it.

Ex. Originally, patients' concerns over safety limited elective epidural anesthesia during delivery.³ Recently, however, the percentage of mothers choosing to receive epidural anesthesia has increased dramatically.⁴ These patients have apparently been reassured by "refinements in the procedure and increased education in birth preparation classes."^{3(p125)}

Include reference numbers right after relevant information. Combine references to multiple sources.

Ex. Numerous studies have shown the connection³⁻⁸ between obesity and Type 1I diabetes³⁻⁸, but few have operated with a biologically defined concept of race.⁹

AMA Resources

- The database service EBSCO Host includes an option to see a citation in AMA style. (Click on "Cite this article.")
- The PubMed database formats source information in AMA style
- American Journal of Public Health (http://www.ajph.org/misc/ama_references.shtml)
- University of Washington (<http://healthlinks.washington.edu/hsl/styleguides/ama.html>)
- Long Island University (<http://www.liu.edu/cwis/cwp/library/workshop/citama.htm>)