

# AMA Citations: A Quick Reference

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The American Medical Association Manual of Style is commonly accepted for writing in the medical profession. Two primary purposes for citations include documentation and acknowledgement. Properly citing a reference also provides support for one's argument, protects copyright and avoids plagiarism.

The following reference citation formats are examples only. Please refer to Section 1 of the American Medical Association Manual of Style: a Guide for Authors and Editors, available for use in the TU-CA Library, for more detailed examples and explanations.

## PRINT JOURNALS

### **format:**

Author(s). Article Title. *Abbreviated NLM Journal Title*. year;vol(iss):pp-pp.

### **example:**

Grimsley EW, Patel R, Persed P. Lenient versus strict rate control in atrial fibrillation. *N Engl J Med*. 2010;363(4):392-393.

## ELECTRONIC JOURNALS

The difference between print and electronic journals is indicated by addition doi (digital object identifier) or of the web address and accessed date.

### **format:**

Author(s). Title. *Abbreviated NLM Journal Title*. year;vol(iss):pp-pp. doi.

Or

Author(s). Title. *Abbreviated NLM Journal Title*. year;vol(iss):pp-pp. URL. Accessed date.

### **example:**

Fallarini S, Magliulo L, Paoletti T, de Lalla C, Lombardi G. Expression of functional GPR35 in human iNKT cells. *Biochem Biophys Res Commun*. 2010;398(3):420-425. doi:10.1016/j.bbrc.2010.06.091.

Or

Fallarini S, Magliulo L, Paoletti T, de Lalla C, Lombardi G. Expression of functional GPR35 in human iNKT cells. *Biochem Biophys Res Commun*. 2010;398(3):420-425. [http://www.sciencedirect.com/science?\\_ob=ArticleURL&\\_udi=B6WBK-50CVPX9-3&\\_user=2406033&\\_coverDate=07/30/2010&\\_rdoc=1&\\_fmt=high&\\_orig=search&\\_sort=d&\\_docanchor=&view=c&\\_acct=C000057202&\\_version=1&\\_urlVersion=0&\\_userid=2406033&\\_md5=42520cfd233aec656ae0700855dd6bae](http://www.sciencedirect.com/science?_ob=ArticleURL&_udi=B6WBK-50CVPX9-3&_user=2406033&_coverDate=07/30/2010&_rdoc=1&_fmt=high&_orig=search&_sort=d&_docanchor=&view=c&_acct=C000057202&_version=1&_urlVersion=0&_userid=2406033&_md5=42520cfd233aec656ae0700855dd6bae). Accessed August 11, 2010.

### **Epub Ahead of Print:**

“Epub Ahead of Print” indicates that a publisher is posting the article online, usually on the journal website, before the article has been published in print. Provide as much information as is available and include the phrase “epub ahead of print” as part of the date field.

## **BOOKS**

### **Book with one author or editor**

#### **format:**

Author(s). *Book Title*. Place of publication : Publisher; date of publication.

#### **example:**

McEvoy GK, ed. AHFS: Drug Information. Bethesda, MD: American Society of Health-System Pharmacists; 2003.

### **Chapter from a book**

#### **format:**

Author(s) of book chapter. Chapter title. In: Book author(s). *Book Title*. Place of publication : Publisher; year of publication: page number(s) of chapter.

#### **example:**

Solensky R. Drug allergy: desensitization and treatment of reactions to antibiotics and aspirin. In: Lockey P, ed. *Allergens and Allergen Immunotherapy*. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. New York, NY: Marcel Dekker; 2004:585-606.

## **WEBSITES**

#### **format:**

Author(s) if given. Title of specific item cited (if none, use name of organization responsible for site). Name of the website. URL. Date accessed.

**example:**

Terre Haute Center for Medical Education. The THCME Medical Biochemistry page. Terre Haute Center for Medical Education Web site.  
<http://web.indstate.edu/thcme/mwking/home.html>. Accessed August 24, 1999.

## IMAGES FROM ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

**format:**

Author of image (if given). Title of image. In: Author of electronic resource (if given). *Electronic Resource Title* [medium]. Version number (if given). Place of publication : Publisher; date of publication.

**example:**

Arteriole and venule (slide 8.9). In: Gartner, LP, Hiatt, JL. *Interactive Color Atlas of Histology* [computer program]. Philadelphia, PA: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins; 2000.

## FOOTNOTES/ENDNOTES

AMA Manual of Style dictates that one must use endnotes with superscript arabic numerals outside periods and commas, but inside colons and semicolons.

Example:

The reference style followed by AMA journals is also based on recommendations of the NLM described in the National Library of Medicine

Recommended Formats for Bibliographic Citation.<sup>1</sup>

1. Patrias K. National Library of Medicine Recommended Formats for Bibliographic Citation. Bethesda, Md: National Library of Medicine, Reference Service; 1991.

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3. Drug Information Center – Literature Citation Style. Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center web site. <http://www.ttuhs.c.edu/sop/PharmPrac/DI/CitationStyle/>. Accessed November 16, 2005.