



Guide to AMA In-text Citations

For each outside source used in a paper, you need:

- an in-text citation in the body of your text every time you quote, paraphrase, or summarize
- a bibliographic entry in the References page at the end of your paper

This handout addresses in-text citations.

In-text citations must include the following items:

- a number that corresponds to a bibliographic entry
- (a) page number(s) for all quotations or any references used more than once

NOTE: AMA in-text citations are numbered based on the order in which references occur (e.g., the first reference is 1, the second is 2, etc.). Unlike other citation styles, these in-text citations do not include author names. The numbers themselves correspond to the specific bibliographic entries where all other information is listed.

Formatting: The in-text citations appear as Arabic numeral superscript outside periods and commas and inside colons and semicolons. When required, include the page number in parentheses with no mark of punctuation or space between the superscript and the parentheses [e.g., 7(p243)].

When citing the author's name in the text, use only the author's last name. If the source has two or three authors, include all last names. If there are more than three authors, include the first author's last name and then "et al." to indicate multiple authors.

When citing the same source multiple times, reuse the superscript number from the first time you cited the source. Each number should directly correspond to a single source. For sources used more than once, a page number must be included for any summary, paraphrase, or quotation.

Citation Examples:

- While 83% of middle-aged men responded favorably to the treatment,² questions about its use remain given the serious side effects.^{3,4,6}
- At 88% of urban hospitals, hospital administrators are the primary individuals who create and enforce conduct rules.⁵
- Smith writes that "autologous blood transfusions may be an important part of the protocol."^{2(p147)}
- In recent studies,^{4(p127),5(p63) ...}
- As found in previous studies,^{11-15,25 ...}