



How to Cite Sources in an AMA References Page

Use the following guidelines when formatting a list of references in AMA style. Remember to list sources numerically in the order in which you cite them in the text. For more information, consult: American Medical Association. *American Medical Association Manual of Style*. 10th edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press; 2007.

Note: Citations in a reference list in AMA style should be single spaced.

General Rules

- Do not include personal communications or unpublished material; instead reference these sources parenthetically in text.
- Use initials for the authors' first and middle names.
- No punctuation appears between the author's last name and first initial.
- Entries can include up to 6 authors.
- For texts with more than 6 authors, list the first 3 names and then "et al."
- Use the text title if no author is provided.
- Use abbreviated titles for periodicals; see the National Library of Medicine website to find the correct abbreviation: <http://locatorplus.gov/> or <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nlmcatalog/journals>.

Article in a Scholarly Journal with one Author (Print)

Capitalize only the first letter of an article title (and proper names); capitalize all major words in a journal title. Italicize the journal title. Separate the journal title and year with a period, the year and volume number with a semicolon, and the volume number and page numbers with a colon. No space appears before the volume and page numbers.

1. Author Last Name First Initial, Title of article. *Title of Journal*. Year of Publication;Volume Number(Issue):Inclusive Pages.

1. Spencer J. Physician, heal thyself—but not on your own please. *Med Educ*. 2005;89:548–549.

Article in a Scholarly Journal with 2-6 Authors (Print)

List all authors' names, separated by commas. Always put the authors' last names first, followed by the first and/or middle initials. Do not write "and" before the last author's name.

2. First Author's Last Name First Initial, Second Author's Last Name First Initial, Third Author's Last Name First Initial, Fourth Author's Last Name First Initial, Fifth Author's Last Name First Initial, Sixth Author's Last Name First Initial, Title of article. *Title of Journal*. Year of Publication;Volume Number(Issue):Inclusive Pages.

2. Salwachter AR, Fresichlag JA, Sawyer RG, Sanfey, HA. The training needs and priorities of male and female surgeons and their trainees. *J Am Coll Surg*. 2005;201:199–205.

Article in a Scholarly Journal with More Than 6 Authors (Print)

List the first 3 authors and then "et al." Always put the authors' last names first, followed by first and/or middle initials. Do not write "and" before the last author's name.

3. First Author's Last Name First Initial, Second Author's Last Name First Initial, Third Author's Last Name First Initial, et al. Title of article. *Title of Journal*. Year of Publication;Volume Number(Issue):Inclusive Pages.

3. Crompton J, Imms C, McCoy AT, et al. Group-based task-related training for children with cerebral palsy: a pilot study. *Phys Occup Ther Pediatr*. 2007;27:45-65.

Article in an Online Scholarly Journal

The citation looks the same as a print journal article but includes a URL after the page numbers and a date of access after the URL.

4. Author Last Name First Initial, Title of article. *Title of Journal*. Year of Publication;Volume Number(Issue):Inclusive Pages. URL. Accessed Month Day, Year.

4. Navarro P, Chambers I, Karwacki-Neisius V, et al. Molecular coupling of Xist regulation and pluripotency. *Science*. 2008;321(5896):1693-1695.
<http://www.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/full/321/5896/1693>. Accessed June 4, 2009.

Journal Article from an Online Database

The citation follows the same format as a print journal article but includes a doi (digital object identifier) after the page numbers. If no doi is available, provide the URL followed by whichever of the following dates is available: published, updated, or accessed.

5. Author Last Name First Initial, Title of article. *Title of Journal*. Year of Publication;Volume Number(Issue):Inclusive Pages. doi: #. [OR URL. Published or Updated or Accessed Month Day, Year.]

5. Porell F, Carter M. Discretionary hospitalization of nursing home residents with and without alzheimer's disease: a multilevel analysis. *J Aging Health*. 2005;17(2):207-238. doi: 10.1177/0898264304274302.

Website

List as many of the following elements as are available: author, name of webpage or document, name of entire website, URL, published date, updated date, and accessed date. Treat the title of the document like an article (i.e., do not use quotation marks and only capitalize the first word and proper nouns). Treat the title of the website like a book, journal, or newspaper (i.e., capitalize all major words and italicize). At a minimum, website references *must include* an author or responsible body, title or name of organization responsible for the site, name of website, URL, and date of access.

6. Author Last Name First Initial [or Responsible Body]. Name of webpage or document. *Name of Website*. URL. Published Month Day, Year. Updated Month Day, Year. Accessed Month Day, Year.

6. Mayo Clinic Staff. Organic foods: Are they safer? More nutritious? *The Mayo Clinic*. <http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/organic-food/NU00255>. Published March 13, 2008. Updated January 15, 2009. Accessed December 20, 2010.

Print Book

Capitalize all major words in the title (not prepositions or articles). Italicize the book title. Provide the edition number for second or subsequent editions, followed by "ed." Use a semicolon before the year of publication. If the book is edited, provide "ed." or "eds." after the editor name(s), for example: O'Sullivan SB, Schmitz TJ, eds.

7. Author Last Name First Initial, *Title of Book*. # ed. [**IF** edition other than the first] City, State of Publication: Publishing Company; Year of Publication.

7. Snell RS. *Clinical Anatomy by Regions*. 9th ed. Philadelphia, PA: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins; 2012.

8. Editor(s) Last Name First Initial, ed(s). *Title of Book*. # ed. [**IF** edition other than the first] City, State of Publication: Publishing Company; Year of Publication.

8. O'Sullivan SB, Schmitz TJ, eds. *Physical Rehabilitation*. 5th ed. Philadelphia, PA: F.A. Davis Company; 2007

Book Chapter

Format chapter titles like article titles. Do not use quotation marks. Do not leave a space before the page numbers. Include the word "In" and a colon before providing the publication information for the book.

9. Author Last Name First Initial, Title of chapter. In: Editor Last Name First Initial, ed. *Title of Book*. # ed. [**IF** edition other than the first]. City, State of Publication: Publishing Company; Year of Publication: Inclusive Pages.

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

Electronic book

Format like a regular book, but provide access information after the publication information. Include both the URL and date of access.

10. Author Last Name First Initial, *Title of Book*. # ed. [**IF** edition other than the first]. City, State of Publication: Publishing Company; Year of Publication. URL. Accessed Month Day, Year.

10. Fatemi SH, Clayton PJ, eds. *The Medical Basis of Psychiatry*. 3rd ed. Totowa, NJ: Humana Press, 2008. <http://rave.ohiolink.edu/ebooks/ebc/9781597452526>. Accessed June 4, 2009.

Newspaper Article (Print)

Capitalize only the first letter of an article title (and proper names). Do not put the article title in quotation marks. Capitalize all major words (not prepositions or articles) in a newspaper title. Italicize the newspaper title.

11. Author Last Name First Initial. Article title. *Newspaper Title*. Month Day, Year of Publication: Page (s).

11. Dillon S. Education standards likely to see toughening. *New York Times*. April 14, 2009: A3.

Newspaper Article (Online)

If the newspaper was accessed electronically, add the URL, followed by the dates published, updated, and accessed. If one of these dates is unavailable, omit it.

12. Author Last Name First Initial. Article title. *Newspaper Title*. URL. Published Month Day, Year. Updated Month Day, Year. Accessed Month Day, Year.

12. Dillon S. Education standards likely to see toughening. *New York Times*.
<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/04/15/education/15educ.html>. Published April 14, 2009.
Accessed April 30, 2009.

YouTube Video

Only provide the author if you are certain that person *created* the video and did not merely post it. If you are unsure, treat the citation as having no author and begin with the title.

13. Author Last Name First Initial. Title of video [Video]. YouTube. URL. Published Month Day, Year. Accessed Month Day, Year.

13. Takayma-Ogawa J., Willette J. What is information literacy [Video]. YouTube.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yeopJX5jJV8>. Published March 14, 2007. Accessed April 30, 2010.