



American Medical Association (AMA) Style Guide, 10th Edition

This guide is meant to provide basic examples of the AMA citation style. As this guide does not include every example possible, please consult the [AMA Manual of Style \(tenth edition\)](#) for a more extensive understanding of AMA citation. If you have any questions, or you do not see the information you need, contact the Writing Center (hnaazono@usa.edu).

Reference Examples

Book—Single Author

Format:

1. Author. *Book Title*. Edition number (2nd edition or above). City, State (or Country) of publisher: Publisher's name; copyright year.

Example:

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

Book—Multiple Authors

Format:

2. First Author, Second Author [if there are more than six authors, use "et al" after the third author]. *Book Title*. Edition number [2nd edition or above]. City, State (or Country) of publisher: Publisher's name; copyright year.

Example:

2. Shamus E, Stern DF. *Effective Documentation for Physical Therapy Professionals*. 2nd ed. New York, NY: McGraw-Hill; 2011.

Book—Editor

Format:

3. Author(s), eds. *Book Title*. Edition number [2nd edition or above]. City, State (or Country) of publisher: Publisher's name; copyright year.

Example:

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



Chapter or Article within a Book

Format:

4. Author(s) of article. Title of article. In: Editor's name(s), ed(s). *Book Title*. Edition number [2nd edition or above]. City, State (or Country) of publisher: Publisher's name; copyright year:Chapter or page number.

Example:

4. 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.

Article from a Print Journal—One Author

Format:

5. Author. Title of article. *Abbreviated Journal Title*. Year;Volume(Issue number):Inclusive page numbers.

Example:

5. Lobach DF. Clinical informatics: supporting the use of evidence in practice and relevance to physical therapy education. *J Phys Ther Educ*. 2004;18(3):24-34.

Article from a Print Journal—Multiple Authors

Format:

6. First Author, Second Author [if there are more than six authors, use "et al" after the third author]. Title of article. *Abbreviated Journal Title*. Year;Volume(Issue number):Inclusive page numbers.

Example:

6. 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(4):43-65.

Article from an Online Journal—DOI (digital object identifier) available

Format:

7. Author. Title of article. *Abbreviated Journal Title*. Year;vol(issue):pages. doi:xx.xxxx.

Example:

7. Subauste CS. Autophagy as an antimicrobial strategy. *Expert Rev Anti Infect Ther*. 2009;7(6):743-752. doi:10.1586/eri.09.41.



Article from an Online Journal—no DOI available

Format:

8. Author. Title of article. *Abbreviated Journal Title*. Year;vol(issue):pages. URL. Published date. Updated date. Accessed date (will often be the only date available).

Example:

8. Klein MS, Ross FV, Adams DL, Gilbert CM. Effect of online literature searching on length of stay and patient care costs. *Acad Med*. 1994;69(6):489-95. <https://journals.lww.com/academicmedicine/pages/articleviewer.aspx?year=1994&issue=06000&article=00017&type=abstract>. Accessed August 14, 2018.

Article—Epub ahead of Print (follow either “with DOI” or “without DOI” model above)

Format:

9. Author. Title of article [published online ahead of print Publication Date]. *Abbreviated Journal Title*. Year;vol(issue):pages. URL. Published date. Updated date. Accessed date.

Note: Epub articles may not have the volume, issue, or page numbers yet

Example:

9. Liu-Ambrose T, Nagamatsu LS, Hsu CL, Bolandzadeh N. Emerging concept: ‘central benefit model’ of exercise in falls prevention [published online April 20, 2012]. *Br J Sports Med*. 2012. doi: 10.1136/bjsports-2011-090725.

Web Page

Web pages do not include a “title page” or similar source for citation information, as is often found in print publications. According to the AMA Manual of Style, 10th Edition “this can make constructing a reference for a Web site difficult, but as much relevant information as possible should be included.”

Format:

10. Author or responsible body, if given (often no authors are given). Title of item cited (if none is given, use the name of the organization responsible for the site). Name of Web site. URL. Published date. Updated date. Accessed date.

Example:

10. American Physical Therapy Association. Professionalism. American Physical Therapy Association Web site. <http://www.apta.org/Professionalism/>. Published June 2007. Updated March 25, 2011. Accessed November 13, 2012.



Other Media

Format:

11. Author. *Title* [format]. City, State (or Country) of Publisher: Publisher; Year.

Example:

11. Hillman SK. *Interactive Functional Anatomy*. [CD-ROM]. London: Primal Pictures Ltd; 2011.

PowerPoint Slides and Presentations

Format:

12. Author or Presenter. Title of presentation. Presented at: Event; Month Day, Year; Location. URL. Accessed date.

Example:

12. Katzman S, Simas, S. Ethics and Professionalism in Contemporary Physical Therapy Practice. Presented at: 2015 California Physical Therapy Association Annual Conference; September 27, 2015; Pasadena, CA. <http://www.slideshare.net/jdhein22/ethics-and-professionalism-in-contemporary-physical-therapy-practice>. Accessed December 21, 2015.

Course Lecture Notes (Bound) Treat this like a book. See examples for citing books

Course Lecture or Lecture Notes (Unbound)

Format:

13. Author [instructor or presenter]. Title of Lecture. [class lecture/class lecture notes]. Location: Institution; Date.

Unpublished Material References to unpublished material may include articles or abstracts that have been presented at a society meeting but not published and material accepted for publication but not published. If, during the course of the publication process, these materials are published or accepted for publication, and if the author is familiar with the later version, the most up-to-date bibliographic information should be included.

Unpublished Material—Items Presented at a Meeting but Not Yet Published

Format:

14. Author or Presenter. Title of presentation. Presented at: Event; Month Day, Year; Location.

Example:

14. Durbin D, Kallan M, Elliott M, Arbogast K, Cornejo R, Winston F. Risk of injury to restrained children from passenger air bags. Paper presented at: 46th Annual Meeting of the Association for the Advancement for Automotive Medicine; September 20, 2002; Tempe, AZ.

Note: Once these presentations are published, they take the form of reference to a book, journal, or other medium in which they are ultimately published.



Unpublished Material—Books Accepted for Publication but Not Yet Published

Format:

15. Author. *Title*. City, State (or Country) of publisher: Publisher's name. The words "in press" (without the quotation marks).

Example:

15. Ofri D. *Incidental Findings: Lessons From My Patients in the Art of Medicine*. Boston, MA: Beacon Press. In press.

Unpublished Material—Journal Articles Accepted for Publication but Not Yet Published

Format:

16. Author. Title of article. *Journal*. The words "in press" (without the quotation marks).

Example:

16. Carrau RL, Khidr A, Crawley JA, Hillson EM, Davis JK, Pashos CL. The impact of laryngopharyngeal reflux on patient-reported quality of life. *Laryngoscope*. In press.

Note: Some publications require that authors verify that acceptance for publication has been granted (authors sometimes confuse *submitted* with *accepted*). Some publishers also prefer the term *forthcoming* to *in press* because they feel that *in press* is not appropriate for electronic citations, but *JAMA* and the *Archives Journals* use *in press* for both forms.

Unpublished Material—Material Submitted for Publication but Not Yet Accepted

In the list of references, do not include material that has been submitted for publication but has not yet been accepted. This material, with its date, should be noted in the text as "unpublished data," as follows:

These findings have recently been corroborated (H. E. Marman, MD, unpublished data, January 2005).

Similar findings have been noted by Roberts and H. E. Marman, MD (unpublished data, 2005).

Numerous studies (also H. E. Marman, MD, unpublished data, 2005) have described similar findings.

If the unpublished data referred to are those of the author, indicate this as follows:

Other data (H.E.M., unpublished data, 2005)...



In Text Citations

Note: When the author wishes to cite different page numbers from a single reference source at different places in the text, the page numbers are included in the superscript citation and the source appears only once in the list of references. Note that the superscript may include more than 1 page number, citation of more than 1 reference, or both, and that all spaces are closed up.

Example:

These patients patients showed no signs of protective sphincteric adduction.^{3(p21),9}

Westman^{5(pp3,5),9} reported 8 cases in which vomiting occurred.