

# AMA 11 reference style

## Tip!

See <https://www.amamanualofstyle.com/> to obtain information about AMA style. The full guidelines are published in the **Eleventh Edition** of the *Publication Manual of the American Medical Association* and anyone working on AMA-style journals is strongly encouraged to refer to this manual in the first instance.

## Text citations

Each reference should be cited in the text, figures, tables, or boxes in consecutive numerical order by means of **superscript Arabic numerals**. A reference can be cited only in a figure, table, or box and not in the text if it is in sequence with references cited in the text. For example, if Table 2 contains reference 13, which does not appear in the text, this is acceptable as long as the last reference cited (for the first time) before the first text citation of Table 2 is reference 12. Authors may wish to reorder references to avoid long citation strings. For example, try to present references in digit spans to encompass a large number of citations.

### Note the following for the style of text citations:

1. Use Arabic superscript numbers *outside* periods and commas, but *inside* colons and semicolons. When more than 2 references are cited at a given place in the manuscript, use hyphens to join the first and last numbers of a closed series; use commas without space to separate other parts of a multiple citation.

As reported previously,<sup>1,3-8,19</sup>

The derived data were as follows<sup>3,4</sup>:

2. If a specific page number is cited, the page number is included in the superscript citation.

These patients showed no sign of protective sphincteric addiction.<sup>3(p21),9</sup>

3. In tables, if a cell involves citation of a reference number and a footnote symbol, give the reference number first, followed by a comma and the footnote symbol.

Patient characteristics<sup>3,a</sup>

4. Avoid placing a superscript reference citation immediately after a number or an abbreviated unit of measure to avoid confusion.

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### General

1. Use the author's surname, followed by initials without periods. The names of all authors should be given unless there are more than 6, in which case the names of the first 3 authors are used followed by "et al."
2. A DOI is preferable to a URL in reference citations, but if a DOI is not available for an online journal article, a URL and accessed date may be used; **do not** include a URL and accessed date for articles for which a DOI is available.
3. A URL should be the last element of a reference.
4. Check journal for examples.

### Reference styles

#### Journal article, published in an issue

Author AA, Author BB, Author CC, et al. Article title: subtitle. *Abbreviated Journal Title*. Year;Volume(Issue):Page range. doi:10.1001/123456789

Obama B. United States health care reform: progress to date and next steps. *JAMA*. 2016;316(5):525-532. doi:10.1001/jama.2016.9797

#### Journal article, published online ahead of print

Author AA, Author BB, Author CC, et al. Article title: subtitle. *Abbreviated Journal Title*. Published online Month Day, Year. doi:10.1001/123456789

Obama B. United States health care reform: progress to date and next steps. *JAMA*. Published online January 3, 2016. doi:10.1001/jama.2016.9797

#### Book

Author AA, Author BB, Author CC. *Book Title*. Edition or Volume. Publisher; Year.

Patterson JW. *Weedon's Skin Pathology*. 4th ed. Churchill Livingstone; 2016.

#### Chapter in a book

Author AA, Author BB, Author CC. Chapter title. In: Editor AA, Editor BB, Editor CC, eds. *Book Title*. Edition. Publisher; Year:Page range.

Boushey CJ. Application of research paradigms to nutrition practice. In: Coulston AM, Boushey CJ, Ferruzzi MG, eds. *Nutrition in the Prevention and Treatment of Disease*. 3rd ed. Academic Press; 2013:99-105.

**Website**

Author AA, Author BB, Author CC. Title of specific item cited or name of the organisation responsible for the site. Site Name. Accessed Month Day, Year. URL

International Society for Infectious Diseases. ProMED-mail. Accessed February 10, 2016.  
<http://www.promedmail.org>

Charlton G. Internal linking for SEO: examples and best practices. SearchEngineWatch. Accessed February 10, 2016. <https://www.searchenginewatch.com/sew/how-to/2428041/internal-linking-for-seo-examples-and-best-practices>

**Conference proceedings online**

Author AA, Author BB, Author CC. Paper title. Paper presented at: Meeting Name; Meeting dates; Meeting location. Accessed Month Day, Year. URL

Morales M, Zhou X. Health practices of immigrant women: indigenous knowledge in an urban environment. Paper presented at: 78th Association for Information Science and Technology Annual Meeting; November 6-10, 2015; St Louis, MO. Accessed March 15, 2016.  
<https://www.asist.org/files/meetings/am15/proceedings/openpage15.html>