



American Medical Association (AMA) Style Guide, 11th 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 \(11th edition\)](#) for a more extensive understanding of AMA citation.¹

Standard alphabetization of the items included in this list does not always make finding the items easy, because of the numerous versions of similarly referenced items (e.g., entire book, chapter in a book, etc.). Instead, this document has been alphabetized by the larger categories for the items: academic materials, books, government materials, internet sources, legal, media, and periodicals.

Academic Materials

Conference Materials and Poster Sessions

Format:

1. Presenter. Title of presentation or poster. Item [abstract, poster, presentation] presented at: Conference/meeting name; Month Day, Year; City, State or City, Country (if outside the U.S.).

Example:

1. Chan M. Aromatherapy for post-delivery pain. Poster presented at: 10th National Conference on Midwifery; May 12, 2020; Washington, DC.

Dissertations and Theses

Format:

2. Author. *Title of Dissertation/Thesis*. Dissertation (or Master's thesis). Name of Institution; Year. Accessed [date]. URL

Example:

2. Tanner MA. *Voice Improvement in Parkinson's Disease: Vocal Pedagogy and Voice Therapy Combined*. Dissertation. University of Alberta; 2013. Accessed September 1, 2020. <http://prx-usa.lirn.net/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=psyh&AN=2013-99200-349&site=eds-live>

PowerPoint Slides and Presentations

Format:

3. Author or Presenter. Title of presentation. [Item] presented at: Event; Month Day, Year; Location. Accessed date. URL

Example:

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

Books

Entire Book—Single Author

Format:

4. Author. *Book Title*. Edition number (2nd edition or above). Name of Publisher; copyright year.

Example:

4. Snell RS. *Clinical Anatomy by Regions*. 9th ed. Lippincott Williams & Wilkins; 2012.

Entire Book—Multiple Authors

Format:

5. 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]. Name of Publisher; copyright year.

Example:

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

Entire Book—Editor as Author

Format:

6. Author(s), eds. *Book Title*. Edition number [2nd edition or above]. Name of Publisher; copyright year.

Example:

6. O’Sullivan SB, Schmitz TJ, eds. *Physical Rehabilitation*. 5th ed. F.A. Davis Company; 2007.

Chapter or Article within a Book

Format:

7. Author(s) of Article. Title of chapter or article. In: Editor’s name(s), ed(s). *Book Title*. Edition number [2nd edition or above]. Name of Publisher; copyright year: Inclusive chapter page range.

- If the author of the chapter is also an editor for the book, the name is given in both places: as author of the chapter and as editor of the book.

Example:

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

Entire eBooks/Books Online

Format:

8. Author(s) (up to six authors. If more than six, write out the first three followed by et al). *Book Title*. Edition number. Book medium. Publisher; Year. Accessed [date]. URL

Example

8. Tilson J. *Evidence Based Physical Therapy*. eBook. Davis Company; 2019. Accessed September 1, 2020. http://prx-usa.lirn.net/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=nlebk&AN=448388&site=ehost-live&ebv=EB&ppid=pp_38

Chapter in an eBook

Format:

9. Author(s). Chapter title. In: Editor(s), eds. *Book Title*. Edition number. Book medium. Publisher; Year:Chapter number or pages. Accessed [date]. URL

Example:

9. Ciccone CD. Geriatric pharmacology. In: Guccione AA, Wong RA, Avers D, eds. *Geriatric Physical Therapy*. eBook. Elsevier; 2012:chap 4. Accessed September 1, 2020. http://prx-usa.lirn.net/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=nlebk&AN=448388&site=ehost-live&ebv=EB&ppid=pp_38

Government Materials

Government Agency Reports (Print)

Format:

10. Author or Authoring Body (if given). *Title of Report*. Name of Issuing Bureau/Agency/Department or Governmental Division; Year. Page numbers (if specified). Publication number (if given). Series number (if given).

Example:

10. National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. *Health Disparities: Bridging the Gap. From Cells to Selves*. National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; 2000.

Government Agency Reports (Online)

Format:

11. Author or Authoring Body. Title of report. [Date published]. Updated [date]. Accessed [date] (will often be only date available). URL

Example:

11. World Health Organization. Research for universal health coverage. 2013. Accessed September 1, 2020. <http://prx-usa.lirn.net/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=edsghw&AN=edsgcl.365455960&site=eds-live>

Internet Sources

Blog

Format:

12. Author. Title of article. *Name of Blog* [followed by the word “blog”]. Publication Month Day, Year. Accessed Date. URL

Example:

12. Meira E. PT inquest episode 200: added benefits of dry needling...or lack thereof. *PT Podcast Network* blog. September 1, 2020. Accessed September 1, 2020. https://ptpodcast.com/pt-inquest-episode-200-added-benefits-of-dry-needling-or-lack-thereof/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=pt-inquest-episode-200-added-benefits-of-dry-needling-or-lack-thereof

Databases

Format:

13. Author (if given)*. Title of database. Publisher or database owner; Year (if given). Updated [date]. Accessed [date]. URL

Example:

13. Vertebrate Gene Nomenclature Committee (VGNC). Vertebrate Gene Nomenclature database search engine. Updated September 1, 2020. Accessed September 2, 2020. <https://vertebrate.genenames.org/>

* If the database is self-identified with an acronym, the standard approach in AMA is to write out the full name of the group followed by the acronym in parentheses

Podcasts and Other Audio

Format:

14. Host (if given). Title of episode. *Title of Podcast*. Publication Month Day, Year. Accessed [date]. URL

Example:

14. Livingston E. The importance of minimal clinically important differences in research studies. *JAMA Clinical Reviews*. August 6, 2020. Accessed September 1, 2020. https://edhub.ama-assn.org/jn-learning/audio-player/18531086?resultClick=1&bypassSolrId=M_18531086

Webinar

Format:

15. Author or Presenter. Title of presentation [followed by the word “webinar”]. Sponsoring Body. Publication Month Day, Year. Accessed date. URL

Example:

15. Jannenga H, Ham N, Bohnett C. PT after crisis: recovering, reopening, and refocusing on the future. WebPT webinar. July 9, 2020. Accessed September 1, 2020. <https://www.webpt.com/resources/webinars/pt-after-crisis-recovering-reopening-and-refocusing-on-the-future/>

Website

Websites 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, 11th Edition, the following elements should be included when available.

Format:

16. 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 the Website. [Date published]. Updated [date]. Accessed [date]. URL

Example:

16. American Physical Therapy Association. Ethics & professionalism. Updated June 5, 2019. Accessed February 12, 2020. <http://www.apta.org/EthicsProfessionalism/>
- In this example, the name of the website is omitted because it is the same as the group author, and the date of publication is not included because it was not provided.

YouTube

Format:

17. Responsible body (the person or group who uploaded the recording). *Title of Video*. Name of the Site. [Date published]. Updated [date]. Accessed [date]. URL

Example:

17. University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences. *CardioPulm Simulation*. YouTube page. January 13, 2021. Accessed February 1, 2021. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3oeSCYR_kEA

Legal Materials

Legal references adhere to the standard legal citation that appears across disciplines. The full legal system of citation can be found in The *Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation*.² Free information regarding standard legal citation is provided by the Legal Information Institute at Cornell Law School: [Basic Legal Citation \(cornell.edu\)](http://www.cornell.edu/lil/).

When looking up US federal bills and laws, the AMA recommends the US Government Publishing Office Federal Digital System website (<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/>) and the website for the US Congress (<https://www.congress.gov>).

Method of Citation

A full legal reference may appear in the references list (accompanied by a numbered citation in the text) or it can appear parenthetically in the text but not in the references list. For articles appearing in scholarly journals, the full citation in the references list is preferred.

Court Cases

Format:

18. *First party v Second party**, Volume number and Official reporter abbreviation (if given) and series number (if given) First page of case, specific pages used (Deciding court and Year of decision).

Example:

18. *Forte v Redmond*, 95-266 US 518, 522 (DC Cir 1996).

*To shorten case name, use only the name of the first party; omit “et al” and “the”; use only the last names of parties.

US Federal Statutes

Format:

19. Official Name of the Act, the title number, the abbreviation of the code cited, the section number (designated by §), and the date of the code edition cited. If the law is available online, the URL may also be included.

Example:

19. Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 USC § 12101 *et seq.* (1990).
<https://www.ada.gov/pubs/adastatute08.htm>

Media

Apps and Interactive Games

Format:

20. Name of App [followed by the word “app] or *Title of Game*. Version number. Producer or Distributor. Updated [date]. Accessed [date] (if applicable). URL (if applicable).

Example(s):

20. Physera app. Version 5.4.0. Physera, Inc. Updated August 2020. Accessed September 1, 2020.

20. *My Fitness Coach*. Ubisoft. 2019.

Video

Format:

21. Author/Host/Director. *Title of Video*. Type of Media*. Publisher or Distributor; Year. URL (if provided)

Example:

21. Tweel C. *Gleason*. Video. Amazon Original Movies; 2016.
<https://www.amazon.com/gp/video/detail/B01I2BH81W>

*If the medium is given in the title of the work (ie *Sign Language DVD*) it is not necessary to repeat after the title.

Periodicals

Article from a Print Journal—One Author

Format:

22. Author. Title of article. *Abbreviated Journal Title*. Year; Volume(Issue number):Inclusive page numbers. doi: (if supplied)

Example:

22. 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:

23. 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. doi: (if supplied)

Example:

23. 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:

24. Author. Title of article. *Abbreviated Journal Title*. Year;vol(issue):pages or e-Locator. doi:xx.xx.xx

Example:

24. 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:

25. Author. Title of article. *Abbreviated Journal Title*. Year;vol(issue):pages or e-Locator. Accessed date (will often be the only date available). URL

Example:

25. 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. Accessed August 14, 2018. <https://journals.lww.com/academicmedicine/pages/articleviewer.aspx?year=1994&issue=06000&article=00017&type=abstract>

Newspaper Articles

Format:

26. Author. Title of article. *Name of Newspaper**. Publication Month Day, Year:Section.
Accessed Date. URL

Example:

26. Harju N. Physical therapy needs after COVID-19. *Daily Herald*. July 20, 2020. Accessed September 1, 2020. https://my.usa.edu/ICS/Academics_2017-08-22T17-14-45-332/IRB/Institutional_Review_Board.jnz?portlet=Free-form_Content

*Newspaper names are not abbreviated

Citation

Each reference should be cited in the text, figures, tables, or boxes in consecutive order by means of superscript Arabic numerals.

Use superscript numerals outside periods and commas, but inside colons and semicolons.

When more than 2 references are cited, use a hyphen to join the first and last numbers of a closed sequence. Use commas without space to separate the other parts of a multiple citation

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, with no spaces.

Examples:

The derived data were as follows^{1,3-8,19}:

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

Westman^{5(pp3-5,17),9} reported 8 cases in which vomiting occurred.

The following resources were consulted in the formation of this document:

1. Christiansen S, Iverson C, Flanagin A, et al. *AMA Manual of Style: A Guide for Authors and Editors*. 11th ed. Oxford University Press; 2020. Accessed August 20, 2020. <https://www.amamanualofstyle.com/>
2. *The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation*. 20th ed. Harvard Law Review Association; 2015. Accessed March 18, 2016. <http://www.legalbluebook.com>