AMA Citation Style Quick Guide

Quick Guide to Citations Using the AMA Manual of Style, 10th ed.

For complete instructions in using this format, see the AMA Manual of Style, 10th ed., in reference on the 2nd floor of the library. The call number is R119.A533 2007.

General Rules

- Items are listed **numerically** in the order they are cited in the text.
- **Authors**: use initials of first and second names with no spaces or punctuation.
- Include up to six authors. If there are more than six, include the first three, followed by **et al.** If no author is given, start with the title.
- Websites: include the name of the webpage, the name of the entire website, the full date of the page (if available), and the date you looked at it. Provide the URL that works as close as possible to the date of publication.
- Titles of books are **italicized**.
- Journal name is abbreviated and italicized. Abbreviate according to the listing in the PubMed Journals database.

Examples for:

**Book:**
(List all authors if six or less, otherwise list first three followed by "et al.")

**Online book:**

**Webpage:**

**Official organization report published on a webpage:**

**Print journal article with six or fewer authors:**

**Print journal article with more than six authors:**
Online journal article with six or fewer authors; article has a DOI:

Online journal article with more than six authors; article does not have a DOI:

Database:

Online Newspaper:

In-text Citations: Examples

With AMA style, you will use superscript arabic numerals to number each of the sources in your text. The sources are numbered consecutively, and refer to the sources listed on the "References" page at the end of your paper.

Examples:

The report¹ found that...
As has been noted previously,²
This argument was refuted in another study.³
Other reports⁴,⁵ confirm these findings. (Note: Two sources are cited.)
"...as has been the conclusion of this author."⁶ (Note: Use after direct quotation.)
In recent reports¹,³,⁵,⁹ surgical outcomes have been... (Note: Multiple sources cited; not all are consecutive.)

You may cite the same source more than once by using the same endnote number. However, when you repeat a number, you should include a page number, in parentheses, next to the note number.

Example:

The data¹(p44) disproves the previous assertion...