

AMA citation rules

Based on: *AMA Manual of Style: A Guide for Authors and Editors*. 10th ed. New York, USA: Oxford University Press; 2007.

General rules

In-text references

- In-text references should be identified by Arabic numerals in superscript. Place superscript numerals outside periods or commas, but inside colons and semicolons:

Several studies have identified changes in the spinal cord DTI measurements in patients with MS.^{3–10}

Consecutive patients with MS diagnosed according to McDonald's criteria,¹² consulted in the outpatient clinic at the Department of Neurology during the period January–March 2018, were included in the study.

The most common symptoms were¹²: fever, vomiting, fatigue.

When assessing the nutritional status using BMI, overweight and obesity were found in 75.4% of the examined group³⁴; having considered the recommended BMI interpretation.

- Put references at the end of the sentence or next to the name of the cited author to keep the meaning clear:

Ketheswaran et al. found that adjuvant treatment, such as estriol cream, nitrous oxide and oxygen, diazepam, lidocaine ointment, paracetamol, or naproxen, can improve outcomes in women who used vaginal dilators.⁵³

Another form is Williams vaginoplasty, later modified by Creatas,⁶⁹ where a neovaginal pouch is created with a deep incision extending from the labia majora to the peritoneum, further expanded by dilators or sexual intercourse.

- Use the author's surname only. If the publication has 2 authors, write: Kowalski and Nowak, if 3 authors or more: Kowalski et al.:

Gupta and Kharb described the first case of suicide related to the MRKH syndrome.³⁸

In a recent study by Wang et al., MRI was crucial in exploring the location of the ovaries, as in 28% of cases, they were abnormally located.³¹

A reference list

- If there are 6 authors or less, put all their names. Articles with 7 or more authors are abbreviated to the first 3 authors and ‘et al.’. If a research group is among the authors, put its name outside a semicolon. Do not put full stops after initials:

Chang YC, Nieh S, Chen SF, Jao SW, Lin YL, Fu E.

Cho JK, Hyun SH, Choi N, et al.

Novak A, Smith K, Wang M, eds.; UMW Study Group.

- Provide a DOI number to all cited articles available online. If the article does not have a DOI number, provide its URL and the access date:

Smeeth L, Iliffe S. Community screening for visual impairment in the elderly. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev*. 2002;(2):CD001054. doi:10.1002/14651858.CD1001054

Duchin JS. Can preparedness for biological terrorism save us from pertussis? *Arch Pediatr Adolesc Med*. 2004;158(2):106–107. <http://archpedi.amaassn.org/cgi/content/full/158/2/106>. Accessed June 1, 2004.

- Give the full names of all organizations. If the organization is at the same time the author and the publisher, include this information twice.

Main Council of Nurses and Midwives. Initial assessment of nurses and midwives in the human resources in Poland by 2020. Warsaw, Poland: Main Council of Nurses and Midwives; 2010. <http://ww.izbapiel.org.pl/attachments/article/1782/Wstepna.ocena.zasobow.kadrowych.pdf>. Accessed October 19, 2018.

- In the reference list, all journal abbreviations and book titles should be written in italics. In the rest of the text, do not use text formatting. Do not use full stops in journal abbreviations. Provide numerals without spaces, i.e., 2019;4(13):229–236, not: ~~2019;4 (13): 229–236~~.

- Give full page numbers, i.e., 1177–1186, not: ~~1177–86~~, e302–e307, not: ~~e302–307~~.

Examples

Journal article

- Abbreviate all titles of foreign journals (take their abbreviations from PubMed). In the case of Polish journals, check their abbreviations on the journals' websites:

Rainer S, Thomas D, Tokarz D, et al. Myofibrillogenesis regulator 1 gene mutations cause paroxysmal dystonic choreoathetosis. *Arch Neurol*. 2004;61(7):1025–1029.

- Abbreviate supplements as 'Suppl':

Sriram S, Chack LE, Ramasamy R, et al. Impact of pharmaceutical care on quality of life in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus. *J Res Med Sci*. 2011;16(Suppl 1):412–418.

- If you cite articles written in a language that is different from the language you are writing in, translate the article title and in square brackets specify the language of the original article. You can also cite the original title:

Miyazaki K, Murakami A, Imamura S, et al. A case of fundus albipunctatus with a retinal dehydrogenase 5 gene mutation in a child [in Japanese]. *Nippon Ganka Gakkai Zasshi*. 2001;105(8):530–534.

Richartz E, Schott KJ, Wormstall H. Psychopharmakotherapie bei Demenzerkrankungen. *Dtsch Med Wochenschr*. 2004;129(25/26):1434–1440.

Journal article published ahead of print

van der Hoek L, Pyrc K, Jebbink MF, et al. Identification of a new human coronavirus [published ahead of print March 21, 2004]. *Nat Med*. doi:10.1038.nm1024

Book (in print)

- If you cite books, provide the city and country of the publication and the full official name of the publisher. Provide the names of authors or editors – the latter are given with the abbreviation 'ed.' or 'eds.' Write book titles in italics, with capital letters, except for articles, prepositions and conjunctions. This also applies to reports and dissertations:

Adkinson N, Yunginger J, Busse W, Bochner B, Holgate S, Middleton E, eds. *Middleton's Allergy: Principles and Practice*. 6th ed. St. Louis, USA: Mosby; 2003.

Vonnegut K. *Cat's Cradle*. New York, USA: Dial Press; 2010.

Book (online)

- If the book is available online, provide a link with the access date at the end, just like in the case of citing articles in journals:

Resnik NM. Geriatric medicine. In: Braunwald E, Fauci AS, Isselbacher KJ, et al., eds. *Harrison's Online*. Based on: Braunwald E, Hauser SL, Fauci AS, Kasper DL, Longo DL, Jameson JL, eds. *Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine*. 15th ed. New York, USA: McGraw–Hill; 2001. <http://www.hslls.pitt.edu/resources.documentation/harrisoninfo.html>. Accessed December 6, 2005.

- You can add additional information, such as volume, edition (except for the 1st one), part, etc. Use Arabic numerals. Place additional information between the title and the city, and separate it with full stops:

...*Practice*. 6th ed. St. Louis...

2nd ed. – second edition

In:

Vol. – volume

Part – part

Pol. ed. – Polish edition

Book chapter (in print)

- Provide pages if you cite a book chapter:

Larsen PE, ed. Part 3: Maxillofacial infections. In: Miloro M, Ghali GE, Larsen PE, Waite PD, eds. *Peterson's Principles of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery*. 2nd ed. Hamilton, Canada: BC Decker Inc.; 2004:276–232.

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, USA: Marcel Dekker; 2004:585–606.

Dreppe H, Eskici A, Herzog M, et al. Science about specialized infections. In: Horch HH, ed.; Kryst L, ed. (Pol. ed.). *Oral Surgery* [in Polish]. Wrocław, Poland: Urban & Partner; 1997:117–161.

Website

- Provide the following information: publisher, article title (if this information is listed), link, and access date; you can also enter the date of publication and/or update.

Infectious Diseases Society of America. Antimicrobial Resistance.

http://www.idsociety.org/Topic_Antimicrobial_Resistance. Accessed July 21, 2014.

Infectious Diseases Society of America. Antimicrobial Resistance.

http://www.idsociety.org/Topic_Antimicrobial_Resistance/.

Updated March 12, 2014. Accessed July 21, 2014.

Eisenmenger syndrome. [https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/eisenmenger-](https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/eisenmenger-syndrome/symptoms-causes/syc-20350580)

[syndrome/symptoms-causes/syc-20350580](https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/eisenmenger-syndrome/symptoms-causes/syc-20350580). Published August 9, 2018. Accessed March 31, 2019.

Reports, etc.

- If the report is on a website (even as a PDF file), cite it as a website. If the report has been published as a book, cite it as an online book.

Newspapers and magazines

- All newspapers and magazines should be cited like journals. If you cite daily papers, provide the date, not the issue.

Master's, doctoral and postdoctoral theses

- If published as books, cite them as books. Cite them as in the example below, if they have been published only by the university:

Smigiel R. *Congenital Esophageal Atresia: Analysis of Selected Genetic Factors and Phenotypic Assessment of Patients* [postdoctoral thesis]. Wroclaw, Poland: Wroclaw Medical University; 2012.

Presentations at conferences

- If published as books, cite them as books. If they have only been delivered, cite them as in the following example:

Weber KJ, Lee J, Decresce R, Subjasis M, Prinz R. Intraoperative PTH monitoring in parathyroid hyperplasia requires stricter criteria for success. Paper presented at: 25th Annual American Association of Endocrine Surgeons Meeting; April 6, 2004; Charlottesville, USA.

Legal acts

- Acts, court judgments, international ordinances are cited without URL links.

- Legal acts published after 2012:

Act of December 5, 1996 on the Profession of Physicians and Dentists. Journal of Laws of 2018, item 617.

- Legal acts published before 2012:

Act of 29 July, 2005 on Trading in Financial Instruments. Journal of Laws of 2005, No. 8, item 60 as amended.

- Judgments (first put the case number and the source):

Judgment of the Supreme Court as of December 8, 2005. I PKN 103/2005. OSNP 2006, No. 21–22, item 321.

Judgment of the Provincial Administrative Court in Kraków as of May 12, 2009. III SA/Kr 1065/08. LEX No. 580429.

- International legal acts:

Commission Regulation (EU) No. 1252/2010 of 22 December, 2010 establishing standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables. Official Journal of the EU L 341/19 as of 23 December, 2010.

- University laws and ordinances:

Wroclaw Medical University. Ordinance No. 174/XV R/2018 as of December 21, 2018 on the amount of the special allowance for academic teachers performing in 2019 the function of the supervisor of the year or teaching assistant. <https://www.zarz.umed.wroc.pl/zr/94-2018/3794-nr-174-xv-r-2018-wysokosc-dodatku-specjalnego-dla-opiekunow-roku-i-adiunktow-dydaktycznych>. Accessed January 14, 2019.