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In-text Citations

Use superscript numbers or numbers in parentheses.

Numbers correspond to the order of first appearance in the text.

Reuse the same number for repeated sources.

Example:

Traumatic life events and posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) are endemic among American civilians.¹

References List

Listed in numerical order that they appear in the paper (NOT alphabetical).

Use hanging indents.

Do not reorder by author or date.

Reference Example

1. Kessler RC, Sonnega A, Bromet E, Hughes M, Nelson CB. *Posttraumatic stress disorder in the National Comorbidity Survey*. Arch Gen Psychiatry. 1995 Dec;52(12):1048-1060.

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In-Text Citation Format: Use superscript numbers or numbers in parentheses.

Sentence with In-Text Citation Example: This result was confirmed experimentally.¹

Book with One Author

Reference Format:

Author(s). Book title. Publisher City (State): Publisher; year.

Reference Example:

1. Jenkins PF. Making sense of the chest x-ray: a hands-on guide. New York (NY): Oxford University Press; 2005.

Book with Multiple Authors

Reference Format:

Authors(s) separated by commas. Title of book, edition. Publisher City (State): Publisher; year.

Reference Example:

1. Murray PR, Rosenthal KS, Kobayashi GS, Pfaller MA. Medical microbiology, 4th ed. St. Louis (MO): Mosby; 2002.

Book with Editors

Reference Format:

Authors(s) separated by commas, editors. Title of book, edition. Publisher City (State):
Publisher; year.

Reference Example:

1. Ryan KJ, Ray CG, Sherris JC, editors. Sherris medical microbiology. 5th ed. New York (NY):
McGraw-Hill Medical; 2010.

Book Chapter

Reference Format:

Author(s). of chapter. Title of chapter. In: names of editor(s), editors. Title of book., edition.
Publisher City (State): Publisher; year. p. chapter page number(s).

Reference Example:

1. Jacob E. Pain assessment and management in children. In: Hockenberry MU, Wilson D,
editors. Wong's essentials of pediatric nursing. 9th ed. St. Louis (MO): Elsevier/Mosby; 2013. p.
144-184.

Book Online

Reference Format:

Author(s). Title of book [Internet]. Edition. Publisher City (State) Publisher; year [cite date
accessed]. Available from: URL

Reference Example:

1. Morton DA, Foreman KB, Albertine KH. The big picture: gross anatomy [Internet]. New York (NY): McGraw-Hill Companies; 2011 [cited 2014 May 1]. Available from: <http://accessmedicine.mhmedical.com/content.aspx?bookid=381>

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