

NLM & ICMJE Style Guide – Citing Websites

APSU Writing Center Handout

NLM (National Library of Medicine) used by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE)

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:

Hypertension has been associated with cognitive decline.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. The Kennedy Institute of Ethics [Internet]. Washington: The Institute; [cited 2007 Mar 22].

Available from: <http://kennedyinstitute.georgetown.edu/>.

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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

Website

Reference Format:

Title of homepage [Internet]. Place of publication: Publisher; date of publication of homepage.

Title of page on the website; date of publication of page [cited date accessed]; [pages]. Available from: URL.

Reference Example:

1. National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine [Internet]. Bethesda (MD): National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, National Institutes of Health, Health and Human Services; 2012. Understanding health news: complementary health approaches in the news; [modified 2013 Nov 7, cited 2014 May 2]. Available from: <http://nccam.nih.gov/health/understanding-health-news>Article in Print, Multiple Authors

Website with No Date

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Title of homepage [Internet]. Place of publication. Publisher; [cite date accessed]. Available from: URL.

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Blog Post

Reference Format:

Author. Title of Blog [Internet]. Place of Publication: Publisher. Date of Publication [cite date accessed]. Available from: URL.

Reference Example:

1. Bernstein M. Bioethics Discussion Blog [Internet]. Los Angeles: Maurice Bernstein. 2004 Jul - [cited 2007 May 16]. Available from: <http://bioethicsdiscussion.blogspot.com/>

Thesis or Dissertation

Reference Format:

Author. Title of book [dissertation or master's thesis]. [Place of publication]: Publisher; year of completion. Number of pages p.

Reference Example:

1. Frank ST. Source of synaptic contracts of nitric oxide signaling circuitry in the primary visual thalamus: the mouse as a comparative model of thalamic form and function [dissertation].

[Winston-Salem (NC)]: Wake Forest University; 2005. 181p.

Online Video

Reference Format:

Title of homepage [Internet]. Place of publication: Publisher; date of publication of homepage.

[Video], Title of video; date of publication of video [cited date viewed]; [length of video].

Available from: URL

Reference Example:

1. MedlinePlus: trusted health information for you [Internet]. Bethesda (MD): National Library of Medicine (US). National Institutes of Health; 2014 May 1. [Video]. Bilateral myringotomy tube placement; 2013 Jun 15 [cited 2014 May 2]. [5 min., 7 sec.]. Available from: <http://orlive.com/broward-health/videos/bilateral-myringotomy-tube-placement>

Drug Monograph

Reference Format:

Specific database or Author(s). Title of Database [Internet]. Place of Publication. Publisher. Date of Publication of Database. Title of Part. [Date of Update (if applicable); cite accessed date].

Available from: URL

Reference Example:

1. Pichler, WJ. UpToDate [Internet]. Waltham, MA: UpToDate. 2019. Drug hypersensitivity; Classification and clinical features; [updated 2019 Feb 18; 2019 Mar 1]. Available from: <http://www.uptodate.com/>

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