



Vancouver Citation Style Guide

This guide is meant to provide basic examples of the Vancouver Citation Style, also known as the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE) Recommendations for the Conduct, Reporting, Editing and Publication of Scholarly Work in Medical Journals. As this guide does not include every example possible, please consult the **Citing Medicine (second edition)** for a more extensive understanding of Vancouver citation. If you have any questions, or you do not see the information you need, contact the Writing Center (hnakazono@usa.edu).

Reference Examples

References on the Reference List are numbered and are listed in the order in which they are originally referenced in the text.

Book—Single Author/Editor

Format:

1. Author. Title: subtitle (if available). Edition (other than 1st). Place of publication: Publisher; Year.

Example:

1. Snell RS. Clinical anatomy by regions. 9th ed. Philadelphia: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins; 2012.

Book—Multiple Authors/Editors (2-6 Authors)*

Format:

2. Author(s), editors (if editors, include this denotation). Title: subtitle (if available). Edition (other than 1st). Place of publication: Publisher; Year.

Example:

2. Voight ML, Hoogenboom BJ, Prentice WE, editors. Musculoskeletal interventions: techniques for therapeutic exercise. New York: McGraw-Hill; 2007.

*If a book has more than six authors/editors, write “et al” after the sixth name.

Organizational Author

Format:

3. Organization. Title: subtitle (if available). Edition (other than 1st). Place of publication: Publisher; Year.

Example:

3. American Physical Therapy Association. Guide to physical therapist practice. 2nd ed. Alexandria: American Physical Therapy Association; 2003.

Chapter or Article within a Book

Format:

4. Chapter author. Title of chapter. In: Book author/editor. Title of book. Place of publication: Publisher; Year. Page numbers.

Example:

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

eBook

Format:

5. Author(s)/Editor(s). Title: subtitle (if available) [Internet]. Place of publication: Publisher; Year [date of citation]. Available from Name of database: eBook URL

Example:

5. Salley K. Physical medicine and rehabilitation [Internet]. New Delhi: World Technologies; 2012 [cited 2013 Nov 17]. Available from EBSCOhost eBook Collection: <http://search.ebscohost.com.prx-usa.lirn.net/login.aspx?direct=true&db=nlebk&AN=406964&site=ehost-live>

Note: In Vancouver style, journal titles are referenced in their National Library of Medicine abbreviated form. If the journal abbreviation is unlisted, please refer to the [NLM Catalog: Journals referenced in the NCBI Databases](#).

Article from a Print Journal

Format:

6. Author(s)/Editor(s). Title of article. Abbreviated title of journal. Date of publication; Volume(Issue): Page numbers.

Example:

6. 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 an Online Database

Format:

7. Author(s)/Editor(s). Title of article. Abbreviated title of journal [Internet]. Date of publication [date of access]; Volume(Issue): Page numbers. Available from Name of Database: Article URL

Example:

7. Bouwer M, Goosen TC, Rheeders M. Drug-drug interaction after single oral doses of the furanocoumarin methoxsalen and cyclosporine. J Clin Pharmacol [Internet]. 2006 [cited 2013 May 3]; 46(7): 768-775. Available from Academic OneFile: http://go.galegroup.com/ps/i.do?id=GALE%7CA148007854&v=2.1&u=liirn_crevc&it=r&p=AONE&sw=w&asid=01868ef0153ff6b5a38b54db086bc7fd

Article –ePub ahead of Print

Format:

8. Author(s)/Editor(s). Title of article. Abbreviated title of journal [Internet]. Date of publication [date of access]; Volume(Issue): Page numbers. Date of ePublication. Available from Name of Database: Article URL.

Example:

8. Liu-Ambrose T, Nagamatsu LS, Hsu CL, Bolandzadeh N. Emerging concept: 'central benefit model' of exercise in falls prevention. Br J Sports Med [Internet]. 2013 [cited 2013 Jul 7]; 47(2): 115-117. EPub 2012 Apr 20. Available from the British Journal of Sports Medicine: <http://bjsm.bmj.com.prx-usa.lirn.net/content/47/2/115.full?sid=79849b3a-9936-4e23-a4ad-b06b1e3ff51b>

Web Page

Format:

9. Author(s)/Editor(s) (if available). Title of web site [Internet]. City of publication (State initials): Publisher; Copyright date. Title of web page or article; Date of publication [date of access]; [approximate screen length]. Available from: URL

Example:

9. American Physical Therapy Association. American Physical Therapy Association [Internet]. Alexandria (VA): American Physical Therapy Association; c2013. Professionalism; 2013 Nov 12 [cited 2013 Nov 20]; [about 4 screens]. Available from: <http://www.apta.org/professionalism/>

In-Text Citations

The Vancouver Citation style uses the corresponding numbers from the Reference List at the end of the paper to document in-text citations. Multiple references can occur in one sentence, if necessary.

Examples:

Bouwer, Goosen, and Rheeders (7) report that...

In research regarding the interactions of various drugs in the body (4,7)...

Physical therapists provide several types of therapeutic exercises in their practice (3, p104-5).

Further Assistance

For further Vancouver citation examples, see also:

Citing Medicine, 2nd edition: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7256/?amp>

(ICMJE) Recommendations for the Conduct, Reporting, Editing and Publication of Scholarly Work in Medical Journals: Sample References: http://www.nlm.nih.gov/bsd/uniform_requirements.html

Vancouver Community College Vancouver Citation Style:

http://library.vcc.ca/downloads/VCC_VancouverStyleGuide.pdf