

What is it? A numbered referencing style used by biomedical and scientific journals. It was developed by medical journal editors in 1978, in Vancouver, BC. This style is maintained by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE).

How do I do it? This citation method consists of in-text citations and a references list at the end of the document. For the complete guide to the Vancouver Style, please consult this online book: *Citing Medicine*, 2nd ed. <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/citingmedicine>. For more examples consult: www.nlm.nih.gov/bsd/uniform_requirements.html

In-text Citations

- Citations are numbered and placed in parentheses:
 - *Example: Jones (2) has suggested that...*
- References are numbered consecutively in the order they are first used
- When a reference is used more than once, re-use the original citation number
- Full citations in the reference list at the end of the document correspond with the numbers used in in-text citations
 - When citing multiple references, use hyphens to show consecutive numbers and commas to separate a series of non-consecutive numbers:
 - *Example: Multiple clinical trials (4-6, 9, 15) show that...*
- For direct quotations and specific ideas, include the page number with the reference:
 - *Example: "...has been proven demonstrably false." (4, p23)*
- To cite images (i.e. illustrations, tables, diagrams, photographs, figures, pictures), treat the reference as a direct quotation.
- Citation is placed after commas and periods, and before colons and semi-colons:
 - *Example: ...a new definition. (13, p111-2)*
 - *Example: ...this article shows (11);*

Indirect Citation (Secondary Source) An indirect citation is one where one author is quoted in the text of another author and the primary source is not available.

- Include the author and date of the original source in the text.
- Use "as cited in" or "as discussed in" to say where you found the quotation and provide the citation to the reference.
 - *Example: James Wallace (2001) argued (cited by 8, p26), that...*

NOTE: Indirect citations should be avoided. Always find the original source, where possible.

References

The reference list should start on a new page titled 'References' at the end of a document with full citations of all resources used. The citations should be listed in numerical order, with each number matching the one used in the in-text citations. A sample reference list appears below, and more examples follow:

1. McCance KL, Huether SE, editors. *Pathophysiology: the biologic basis for disease in adults and children*. 7th ed. St. Louis: Elsevier; 2014.
2. Petitti DB, Crooks VC, Buckwalter JG, Chiu V. Blood pressure levels before dementia. *Arch Neurol*. 2005 Jan; 62(1):112-6.
3. *HIV/AIDs resources: a nationwide directory*. 10th ed. Longmont (CO): Guides for Living; c2004. 792 p.

Type	End Reference
Books	Author AA. <i>Title of book</i> . # edition [if not first]. Place of Publication: Publisher; Year. * For texts with more than 6 authors, use "et al." after the sixth author/editor listed ** If there are no authors, only editors, follow the last named editor with a comma and the word editor or editors
Two to six authors	Eyre HJ, Lange DP, Morris LB. <i>Informed decisions: the complete book of cancer diagnosis, treatment, and recovery</i> . 2nd ed. Atlanta: American Cancer Society; c2002. 768 p.
No author	<i>HIV/AIDs resources: a nationwide directory</i> . 10th ed. Longmont (CO): Guides for Living; c2004. 792 p.
Chapter in a book	Alexander RG. Considerations in creating a beautiful smile. In: Romano R, editor. <i>The art of the smile</i> . London: Quintessence Publishing; 2005. p. 187-210.
E-book	Collins SR, Kriss JL, Davis K, Doty MM, Holmgren AL. <i>Squeezed: why rising exposure to health care costs threatens the health and financial well-being of American families</i> [Internet]. New York: Commonwealth Fund; 2006 Sep [cited 2006 Nov 2]. 34 p. Available from: http://www.cmwf.org/usr_doc/Collins_squeezedrisinghlthcarecosts_953.pdf
Articles in journals	Author AA, Author BB. Title of article. <i>Abbreviated title of journal</i> . Date of Publication YYYY Month DD;Volume Number(Issue Number):Page Numbers. *Use abbreviated journal title. Use http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/entrez?db=journals to find abbreviated journal title
In print	Petitti DB, Crooks VC, Buckwalter JG, Chiu V. Blood pressure levels before dementia. <i>Arch Neurol</i> . 2005 Jan;62(1):112-6.
From an online database *include URL or DOI	Andrews PJD, Sinclair LH, Rodriguez A, Harris BA, Battison CG, Rhodes JKJ et al. Hypothermia for intracranial hypertension after traumatic brain injury. <i>N Engl J Med</i> [Internet]. 2015 Dec 17 [cited 2016 Jan 9];373(25):2403-2412. Available from: doi: 10.1056/NEJMoa1507581
Websites	Author AA. <i>Title of Website</i> [Internet]. Place of Publication: Publisher; Date of First Publication [Date of last update; cited date]. Available from: URL
Without author	<i>AMA: helping doctors help patients</i> [Internet]. Chicago: America Medical Institution; 1995 [updated 2007; cited 2016 Jan 9]. Available from: http://www.ama-assn.org/
Image	Centres for Disease Control and Prevention. <i>Shingles on face</i> [Image on Internet]. 2011 [updated 2011 Jan 10; cited 2016 Jan 9]. Available from: http://www.cdc.gov/shingles/about/photos.html
Personal communications	Author AA. <i>Title of Message</i> [Internet]. Message to: Recipient Name. Date of Message [cited date]. Extent *Must have written permission from cited person(s) to use communication
Email	Backus, Joyce. <i>Physician Internet search behaviour: detailed study</i> [Internet]. Message to: Karen Patrias. 2007 Mar 27 [cited 2016 Jan 9]. [2 paragraphs]
Other formats	Author AA. <i>Title</i> [type of medium]. Producer, editor, or other secondary authors. Place of publication: Publisher; Date of publication. Extent, physical description.
DVD	Carlson J. <i>Depression</i> [videocassette]. VandenBos GR, producer. Washington: American Psychological Association; 2005. 1 videocassette: 100 min., sound, colour, 1/2 in.
Lecture/presentation	Niemeier M. <i>Reaching and grasping</i> [lecture]. University of Toronto Scarborough; 2015 Dec 27 [cited 2016 Jan 9].

Adapted from: Vancouver Community College (Vancouver Style Guide), Imperial College London (Citing and Referencing: Vancouver Style), Monash University Library (Vancouver Citing and Referencing Style).

Sample citations from: Citing Medicine: The NLM Style Guide for Authors, Editors, and Publishers [Internet]