AMA Citation Quick Reference Guide

AMA Resources

Available in the Schaumburg Library Reference collection (it cannot be checkout)

AMA Style Guide Online: http://www.amamanualofstyle.com/
Access the entire manual online.
*No login required on campus. Use Library ID to login off campus if you navigate through the RU Library website

Journal Articles

- List up to six authors. If there are more than six authors, list the first three followed by et al.
- Only capitalize the first word in an article title and proper nouns.
- Italicize journal titles.

Example - Journal article from a PRINT journal


When citing electronic articles include the same elements used for a print followed by a DOI or URL and accessed date.

**AMA recommends using DOIs over URLs**

So, what is a DOI?

Digital Object Identifiers are unique IDs assigned to electronic resources to identify content and provide a persistent link to its location on the Internet.

Example - Electronic Article WITH a DOI


Example - Electronic Article WITHOUT a DOI


Books

- Italicize book titles.
- Capitalize all words in a book title (except articles, coordination conjunctions and prepositions).

Example - Entire Book


Example - Book Chapter


Example - eBook
Drug Information Resources

Here is the general format for citing information from a database:
Author(s). Title of the database [database online]. Publisher’s location (city, state, etc.): publisher’s name; year of publication or last update. URL. Accessed Month, Day, Year.
Quick Tips:
- URLs are not necessary when citing subscription databases
- Most databases do not list authors. If no author is listed, start your citation with the name of the drug or page you are citing.

Examples - Facts & Comparisons


Facts & Comparisons Notes:
- List the “book” that you are citing (e.g., Drug Facts and Comparisons, Review of Natural Products, etc.). The book name is listed in the upper right corner of the screen when viewing drug information.
- Make sure to cite the updated date listed on the bottom of each page.

Examples - Lexicomp Online


Lexicomp Online Notes:
- List the specific “database” that you are referencing (e.g., Lexi-Drugs, AHFS Essentials: Adult and Pediatric, Lab Tests and Diagnostic Procedures).
- Lexi-Comp pages list copyright dates in a range (e.g., 2004-2016). Cite the latest copyright date from the range.
- The explanatory note “[database online]” is not included in the citations because it’s self-evident from the database name.

Websites

General format for a website citation (include as much info as possible):
Author(s), if given. Title of the specific item cited (if none is given, use the name of the organization responsible for the site). Name of the website. URL. Published date. Updated date. Accessed date.

Example - Website


Government Publications

Example - Print Publication

**Example - Electronic Publication**