AMA Style In-Text Citations Quick Reference Guide

In-Text Citations

When referring to the ideas or words of another person in your writing you must cite your source in the body of your paper. AMA Style requires you to sequentially number your in-text citations using superscript Arabic numerals. These citations are then listed numerically in the order they are cited in the text of the paper in the “Reference List”.

Example:

Text from the body of the article.

**Outpatient Pharmacy Expenditures for Children With Serious Chronic Illness in California, 2010-2012**

Children with serious chronic conditions are increasingly likely to survive infancy, intensifying demands on health care delivery. Medication is one driver of their health care costs. High-cost drugs threaten cost-containment efforts. We analyzed expenditures for outpatient pharmacy products used by publicly insured children with serious chronic illness during 3 years.

References at the end of the article.


In-Text Citations Formatting Tips:

- Superscript numbers are placed outside periods and commas, and inside colons and semicolons.
• Use commas to separate multiple, non-consecutive citation numbers in text. Use a hyphen to join the first and last numbers of a closed series of consecutive citations:

multiple, non-consecutive sources

unit (ICU) and hospital stay.³ Reasons for the increase in mortality include complications during the reintubation period and health care-associated infections such as pneumonia.⁶⁻⁷⁸⁻⁹

Series of consecutive sources

• If you cite the same source more than once use the same endnote number. When you repeat the number, include a page number, in parentheses, next to the citation number.

These findings¹(p32) support the previous assertion...

See pages 41-44 of the AMA Manual of Style, 10th Edition for more information on in-text citations.

Sources:
