

Bibliographic citations according to the NLM citation style

(National Library of Medicine)

Scope: Health Sciences



INTRODUCTION

A bibliography consists of a series of citations and bibliographic references. A bibliographic reference consists of a set of data that allow you to briefly describe and identify any type of document in order to locate it later.

There are different rules for compiling a bibliography. In the field of health sciences, one of the most widely used is the style used by the National Library of Medicine (NLM) and still, the Vancouver style (although no longer updated). It is important that in the same work, the whole bibliography follow the same citation style while maintaining consistency.

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) has developed the [Citing Medicine](#) guide, 2nd edition. Below is a selection of citation examples taken from the NLM.

Some examples are to be found in Citing Medicine guide: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/citingmedicine>



COMPILING A BIBLIOGRAPHY

In most cases, a bibliography is a single alphabetically ordered list of all the sources used, regardless of format. A reference list may be ordered in alphabetical order of authors' names, or numerically, depending on the referencing system you are using.

The NLM citation style accepts two systems of ordering bibliographic references: alphabetical and numerical order.

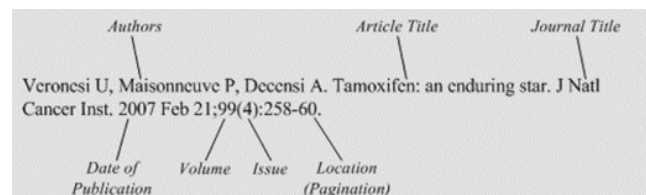
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JOURNAL ARTICLES

Petitti DB, Crooks VC, Buckwalter JG, Chiu V. Blood pressure levels before dementia. Arch Neurol. 2005 Jan;62(1):112-6.



BOOKS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Books

Iverson C, Flanagan A, Fontanarosa PB, Glass RM, Glitman P, Lantz JC, Meyer HS, Smith JM, Winker MA, Young RK. American Medical Association Manual of Style. 9th ed. Baltimore (MD): Williams & Wilkins; c1998. 660 p.

Books with editors

Izzo JL Jr, Black HR, editors. Hypertension primer: the essentials of high blood pressure. 3rd ed. Philadelphia: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins; c2003. 532 p.

Book chapter

Phillips SJ, Whisnant JP. Hypertension and stroke. In: Largh JH, Brenner BM, editors. Hypertension: pathophysiology, diagnosis, and management. 2nd ed. New York: Raven Press; 1995. p. 465-78.

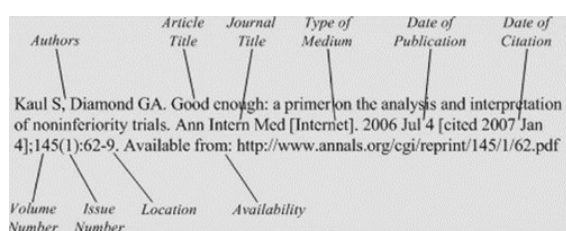


MATERIAL ON THE INTERNET

Journal Article

Perarnau Pauner M, Giménez-Arnau AM, Escudero Rodríguez JR, Zalacaín Vicuña AJ, Rossell Garriga JM. Relevancia de la oncodistrofia en pacientes con alteración venosa crónica. Eur J Pod [Internet]. 2020 [cited 2021 Jul 7];6(1):1-11. Available from:

<https://revistas.udc.es/index.php/EJP/article/view/5685>



Book

WHO Consultation on Obesity. Obesity: preventing and managing the global epidemic: report of a WHO Consultation [Internet]. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2000 [cited 2021 Jul 7]. Available from:

<https://apps.who.int/iris/handle/10665/42330>

Website

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. El cicle de la comunicació de la recerca [Internet]. Barcelona: UAB; 2021 [cited 2021 Jul 7]. Available from:

<https://www.uab.cat/web/scholarly-communication-1345835749677.html>

Research data

Di Stefano B, Collombet S, Graf T. Time-resolved gene expression profiling during reprogramming of C/EBP α -pulsed B cells into iPS cells [dataset]. 2014 May 22 [cited 2014 Oct 6]. In: figshare [Internet]. London: Digital Science. 2011. Available from:

<http://dx.doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.939408>

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twitter.com/medicinauab/status/97204952754812896



AUDIOVISUAL MEDIA

Video on YouTube

Cambridge University. From Punnett to personal genomics: a century of genetics in Cambridge. [Internet]. YouTube.com; 2012 [cited 2021 Jul 7]. Available from:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=LFhYjzWmFMo



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