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Components/elements are listed in the order they should appear in a reference. An R after the component name means that it is required in the citation; an O after the name means it is optional.

**1. Citation Rules with Examples for Journal Articles**

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* **1.1. General Rules for Author**
* List names in the order they appear in the text
* Enter surname (family or last name) first for each author
* Capitalize surnames and enter spaces within surnames as they appear in the document cited on the assumption that the author approved the form used. For example: Van Der Horn *or* van der Horn; De Wolf *or* de Wolf *or* DeWolf.
* Convert given (first) names and middle names to initials, for a maximum of two initials following each surname
* If the paper has 6 authors or fewer, list all authors. List the first 6 authors and et al. for papers with more than 6 authors.
* Separate author names from each other by a comma and a space
* End author information with a period
1. **1.2. Examples**

Journal articles with less than 6 authors

Jun BC, Song SW, Park CS, Lee DH, Cho KJ, Cho JH. The analysis of maxillary sinus aeration according to aging process: volume assessment by 3-dimensional reconstruction by high-resolutional CT scanning. Otolaryngol Head Neck Surg. 2005 Mar;132(3):429-34.

Journal articles with more than 6 authors:

Hallal AH, Amortegui JD, Jeroukhimov IM, Casillas J, Schulman CI, Manning RJ, et al. Magnetic resonance cholangiopancreatography accurately detects common bile duct stones in resolving gallstone pancreatitis. J Am Coll Surg. 2005 Jun;200(6):869-75.

Journal articles in non-English but roman alphabet language

Berrino F, Gatta G, Crosignani P. [Case-control evaluation of screening efficacy]. Epidemiol Prev. 2004 Nov-Dec;28(6):354-9. Italian.

Journal articles in non-English and non-roman alphabet language

Zhao L, Li H, Han D. [Effects of intestinal endotoxemia on the development of cirrhosis in rats]. Zhonghua Gan Zang Bing Za Zhi. 2001 Jul;9 Suppl:21-3. Chinese.

**2. Citation Rules with Examples for Entire Dissertations and Theses**

[Author (R)](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7267/#A39202) | [Title (R)](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7267/#A39224) | [Content Type (O)](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7267/#A39239) | [Type of Medium (R)](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7267/#A39251) | [Place of Publication (R)](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7267/#A39263) | [Publisher (R)](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7267/#A39277) | [Date of Publication (R)](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7267/#A39294) | [Pagination (O)](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7267/#A39308) | [Physical Description (O)](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7267/#A39319) | [Language (R)](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7267/#A39326) | [Notes (O)](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7267/#A39334)

* **2.1. General Rules for Author**
* List names in the order they appear in the text
* Enter surname (family or last name) first for each author
* Capitalize surnames and enter spaces within surnames as they appear in the document cited on the assumption that the author approved the form used. For example: Van Der Horn *or* van der Horn; De Wolf *or* de Wolf or DeWolf.
* Convert given (first) names and middle names to initials for a maximum of two initials following each surname
* Separate author names from each other by a comma and a space
* End author information with a period
1. **2.2. Examples**

Jones DL. The role of physical activity on the need for revision total knee arthroplasty in individuals with osteoarthritis of the knee [dissertation]. [Pittsburgh (PA)]: University of Pittsburgh; 2001. 436 p.

**3. Citation Rules with Examples for Entire Books**

[Author/Editor (R)](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7271/#A34173) | [Author Affiliation (O)](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7271/#A34212) | [Title (R)](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7271/#A34227) | [Content Type (O)](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7271/#A34245) | [Type of Medium (R)](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7271/#A34256) | [Edition (R)](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7271/#A34268) | [Editor and other Secondary Authors (O)](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7271/#A34282) | [Place of Publication (R)](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7271/#A34299) | [Publisher (R)](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7271/#A34318) | [Date of Publication (R)](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7271/#A34340) | [Pagination (O)](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7271/#A34362) | [Physical Description (O)](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7271/#A34376) | [Series (O)](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7271/#A34383) | [Language (R)](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7271/#A34401) | [Notes (O)](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7271/#A34413)

* **3.1. General Rules for Author/Editor**
* List names in the order they appear in the text
* Enter surname (family or last name) first for each author/editor
* Capitalize surnames and enter spaces within surnames as they appear in the document cited on the assumption that the author approved the form used. For example: Van Der Horn *or* van der Horn; De Wolf *or* de Wolf *or* DeWolf.
* Convert given (first) names and middle names to initials for a maximum of two initials following each surname.
* List all authors/editors, regardless of the number.
* Separate author/editor names from each other by a comma and a space
* End author/editor information with a period
1. **3.2. Examples**

Standard book with initials for authors

Modlin IM, Sachs G. Acid related diseases: biology and treatment. 2nd ed. Philadelphia: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins; c2004. 522 p.

Citing a book chapter

Riffenburgh RH. Statistics in medicine. 2nd ed. Amsterdam (Netherlands): Elsevier Academic Press; c2006. Chapter 24, Regression and correlation methods; p. 447-86.

Citing a contributed chapter

Rojko JL, Hardy WD Jr. Feline leukemia virus and other retroviruses. In: Sherding RG, editor. The cat: diseases and clinical management. New York: Churchill Livingstone; 1989. p. 229-332.

**4. Citation Rules with Examples for Parts of Web Sites**

[Homepage (R)](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7274/#A59542) | [Title (R)](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7274/#A59544) | [Date of Publication (R)](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7274/#A59565) | [Date of Update/Revision (R)](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7274/#A59582) | [Date of Citation (R)](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7274/#A59599) | [Location (Pagination) (R)](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7274/#A59613) | [Availability (R)](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7274/#A59635) | [Language (R)](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7274/#A59648) | [Notes (O)](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7274/#A59658)

* **4.1. General Rules for Title**
* Enter the title of the part as it appears on the Web site
* Capitalize only the first word of a title, proper nouns, proper adjectives, acronyms, and initialisms
* Use a colon followed by a space to separate a title from a subtitle unless some other form of punctuation (such as a question mark, period, or an exclamation point) is already present.
* Follow non-English titles with a translation whenever possible; place the translation in square brackets.
* End title information with a semicolon and a space.
1. **4.2. Examples**

U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research. Index to drug-specific information [Internet]. Silver Spring (MD): U.S. Food and Drug Administration; [updated 2009 Jun 4]. Sleep disorder (sedative-hypnotic) drug information; [updated 2009 May 21; cited 2009 Jun 10]; [about 2 screens]. Available from: <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/postmarket-drug-safety-information-patients-and-providers/sleep-disorder-sedative-hypnotic-drug-information>