



Vancouver referencing guide

There are many different note referencing styles (see the Referencing Comparison Sheet for one other). This guide is based on *Citing medicine: the NLM style guide for authors*.

- Use [1] or (1) or 1 in the main text for the first source you refer to, then [2] or (2) or 2 for the second source, etc.
- Use the same number each time you refer to the same source.
- The full reference details appear in numerical order at the end of the paper with the heading References.

Numbering

- More than one number can be used at the same point in-text (e.g. [1,2] or 3-6).
- Put numbers for notes after punctuation at the ends of sentences (.), but before other punctuation marks (1,).

Authors/Editors

- Names are usually given as surnames followed by initials. Commas are used only between the names of multiple authors. The exception to this is that for emails or personal communication, surnames are followed by a comma with given names in full (see 38).
- Author affiliation can be included in brackets following names (see 33).

Titles/Publishers

- Standard abbreviations should be used for journal titles (see 12). Standard abbreviations can also be used for organisations if applied consistently.
- Lesser known cities are followed by the standard two-letter abbreviation for the state in the US or Canada (see 38), or by the standard two-letter abbreviation for other countries (see 28). Only the first place is used if there is more than one. When places of publication are not given but can be inferred (such as from a publisher's website), use square brackets, e.g. [Canberra] (see 4). For unknown places of publication, use [place unknown].

Dates

- For most reference types, the publication date is the year but a month can also be included.
- Journals without a volume number use the year and month; Newspaper articles, personal communication and manuscripts use the year, month and day (see 16).
- Where there is no publication date use the copyright date (put c before the year; see 21), or estimate the publication date (use square brackets and a question mark, e.g. [2006?]), or write [date unknown] (see 34).
- Include date of revision/update in addition to publication date (see 23).
- For web-based sources, include the date material was accessed, e.g. [cited 2011 Jul 19].
- Include beginning and end years for whole databases. Earliest record dates can replace start dates – use square brackets (see 35).

Pages

- Page ranges are required for paper-based journal articles, conference papers, newspaper articles and parts of books.
- The total number of pages can be included for whole books, reports etc. but this is not required.

Descriptions/Extra information

- The type of medium is required for sources that are not standard printed text such as Internet, DVD, microfiche.
- Further description of colour, physical size, extent etc. can be included after the date but is not required.
- For the type of medium, e.g. [Internet], and for any estimation of location/pagination, e.g. [about 1 screen], use square brackets.
- Any extra information that could be helpful to the reader can be included at the very end of any entry on the reference list, e.g. the ISBN number for a book such as 19 (ISBN: 9780195119725.), or a location for a rare source such as 47 (Located at: Roseworthy Campus Library, University of Adelaide, Roseworthy (AU); 2011 09PH J819.).

Check the requirements of your course - medical publications sometimes use variations of this style:

- *the reference list can be ordered alphabetically by author, with the first in the alphabet given the number 1, the second given the number 2, and so forth;*
- *in-text references can be brackets with the author surname/s and year of publication (instead of numbers) with the reference list in alphabetical order by author and publication dates moved in full references from near the end to just after the last author's name;*
- *places can be given as city, state instead of city (state).*

Examples in this guide are based on:

Patrias K, Wendling D. Citing medicine: the NLM style guide for authors. 2nd ed. Bethesda (MD): National Library of Medicine (US), 2007 [cited 2011 Mar 8]. Available from: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7256/>.

Please see this book for examples of notes for other source types not included here.

Books

Single author

1. Young TK. Population health: concepts and methods. 2nd ed. Melbourne: Oxford University Press; 2005. 392 p.

Two authors (with an edition number)

2. Vaclavik V, Christian EW. Essentials of food science. 3rd ed. New York: Springer; 2008. 571 p.

Book chapter

3. Vatish M, Groom K, Bennett P, Thornton S. Management of threatened preterm labour. In: Norman J, Greer I, editors. Preterm labour: managing risk in clinical practice. Cambridge (UK): Cambridge University Press; 2005. p. 191-209.

Book of readings (example only – check with your lecturer)

Reference original version of reading (e.g. as a book chapter or journal article). Provide additional details of topic and university if desired

Book with a volume number

4. Selin H, editor. Encyclopaedia of the history of science, technology, and medicine in non-Western cultures. 2nd ed. Vol. 1, A-K. Berlin: Springer; 2008. 1213 p.

Book which has been revised

5. Richardson ML. Approaches to differential diagnosis in musculoskeletal imaging [Internet]. Version 2.0. Seattle (WA): University of Washington School of Medicine; c2000 [revised 2001 Oct 1; cited 2006 Nov 1]. Available from: <http://www.rad.washington.edu/mskbook/index.html>.

Book with two publishers

6. Starr PA, Barbaro NM, Larson PS, editors. Neurosurgical operative atlas: functional neurosurgery. 2nd ed. New York: Thieme; 2008. 304 p. Jointly published with the American Association of Neurological Surgeons.

Book written in a foreign language

7. Saint-Roche CR. L'éducation sensorielle, l'éducation au goût [Sensory education, taste education]. Paris: Cniel; 2008. 80 p. Prepared for the Centre national interprofessionnel de l'économie laitière (France).

Periodicals – journals, magazines and newspapers

Journal article (electronic)

8. Tatem AJ, Campiz N, Gething PW, Snow RW, Linard C. The effects of spatial population dataset choice on estimates of population at risk of disease. Popul Health Metrics [Internet]. 2011 Feb 7 [cited 2011 May 31];9(4). Available from: <http://www.pophealthmetrics.com/content/pdf/1478-7954-9-4.pdf>

Journal article from a database

9. Kunikata H, Shiraishi Y, Nakajima K, Tanioka T, Tomotake M. The relationship between psychological comfort space and self-esteem in people with mental disorders. J Med Invest. 2011 Feb [cited 2011 May 31];58(1-2):56-62. Cited in: PubMed; PMID 21372487.

Single author

10. Lund D. Food science research funding ethics. J Food Sci. 2009 May;74(4):vi.

Two authors

11. Chapin E, Doocy S. International short-term medical service trips: guidelines from the literature and perspectives from the field. World Health & Popul. 2010;12(2):43-53.

Three or more authors

12. Vlahov D, Freudenberg N, Galea S. Cities and population health. Soc Sci & Med. 2005;60(5):1017-33.

Written in a foreign language (*translate the title only*)

13. Southgate MT. De medicina [Of medicine]. JAMA. 1999 Sep 8;282(10):921.

Newspaper article

14. Edwards V. Many chronic pain sufferers eye suicide. Australian. 2011 Jun 7;The Nation:8 (col.6).
15. Ninth meningococcal case. Advertiser (State Ed.). 2011 Jun 7;News:4 (col.4).

Newspaper article viewed online

16. Christensen P. Sceptics question alternative claim: more chiropractors are treating more Australians every year. The Australian [Internet]. 2011 May 28 [cited 2011 May 31]. Available from: <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/healthscience/sceptics-question-alternative-claim-more-chiropractors-are-treating-more-australians-every-year/storye6frg8y6-1226063727380>.

Magazine article

17. Algier L. Role models in medicine. Ability Mag. 2005 Aug:20.

Online magazine article

18. Salz T. Carefully discharge difficult patients. Med Econ [Internet]. 2012 Jul 10 [cited 2012 Jul 23]. Available from: <http://www.modernmedicine.com/modernmedicine/Modern+Medicine+Now/Carefully-discharge-difficultpatients/ArticleStandard/Article/detail/780318?contextCategoryId=40748>.

Conference publications**Conference paper** – with a title for the book of proceedings as well as a conference title

19. Campo EM, López L, Ferreira V. Hierarchy and identification of additional important wine odorants. In: Bredie LP, Petersen MA, editors. Flavour science: recent advances and trends. 11th Weurman Flavour Research Symposium; 2005; Roskilde, Denmark. Amsterdam: Elsevier; 2006. p. 213-16.

Conference paper – with only a conference title

20. Yang F. Urbanization and population health: threats of urbanization rapid development to population health. In: Proceedings of the 5th International Conference on Bioinformatics and Biomedical Engineering [Internet]; 2011 May 10-12; Wuhan, China. New York: ICBBE; [cited 2011 Jun 27]. 4 p. Available from: <http://ieeexplore.ieee.org/stamp/stamp.jsp?arnumber=05781628>

Conference presentation

21. Allsopp P (Transpolis Global, Scottsdale, AZ). Urban planning and public health: a comparison between USA, Swedish, and Spanish practices and related health care outcomes. Paper presented at: Healthy Cities. 3rd Making Cities Liveable Conference; 2010 Jul 12-13; Brisbane.

Reference works**Dictionary entry**

22. Dictionary of food science and technology. 2nd ed. Chichester (UK): Wiley-Blackwell; 2009. Adjuvants; p. 7.

Dictionary entry on the internet

23. Last JM, editor. A dictionary of public health [Internet]. Oxford: Oxford University Press; 2007. Population health [cited 2011 Jun 28]. Available from: <http://www.oxfordreference.com/views/ENTRY.html?subview=Main&entry=t235.e3587>

Encyclopaedia – author prominent

24. Llewellyn-Thomas HA. Threshold technique. In: Encyclopedia of medical decision making [internet]. Thousand Oaks (CA): SAGE Publications; 2011 [cited 2011 Jun 27]; [about 5 screens]. Available from: <http://sageereference.com/view/medical/n327.xml>

Encyclopaedia – author not prominent

25. Francis FJ. Encyclopedia of food science and technology. New York: Wiley; c2000. Rice; p. 288.

Websites and webpages

Website

26. World Medical Association. WMA Statement on Patient Advocacy and Confidentiality [Internet]. Ferney-Voltaire (FR): World Medical Association; 2006 Oct 14 [cited 2011 May 31]. Available from: <http://www.wma.net/en/30publications/10policies/a11/index.html>.

Part of a website that is not directly accessible

27. Gillett A. Using English for academic purposes: a guide for students in higher education [Internet]. [Harpندن (UK)]: Andy Gillett Consulting; c2011 [updated 2011 Jul 6]. Reporting - paraphrase, summary & synthesis; [cited 2011 Jul 19]; [about 1 screen]. Available from: <http://uefap.com/writing/writfram.htm> by selecting Reporting from the menu.

Media and audiovisual materials

Media release

28. Food Science Central [Internet]. Reading (UK): IFIS Publishing; c2011. Press release, Broader coverage of nutrition topics in FSTA; 2007 Jul [cited 2011 Jul 18]. [about 1 screen]. Available from: http://www.foodsciencecentral.com/ixbin/fscpage?_IXSESSION_=tRaJSoYoGA&:record_name_index=%22STATKEY+PR+Nutrition+coverage%22&_IXSPFX_=generic_search/b&_IXFPFX_=generic_search/t&submit-button=summary

Picture or graph

29. Lohead M. Mothers and babies with staff from the maternity ward, Imerimandroso Hospital, Madagascar, 1937 [photograph on the Internet]. Los Angeles: University of Southern California; 1937 [cited 2011 Jul 18]. 1 photograph: black & white, 7.5 x 10 in. Available from: <http://digitalibrary.usc.edu/search/controller/view/impa-m435/>.

Blog contribution

30. Van D (United States Department of Agriculture Meat and Poultry Hotline, Washington). Cooking meat? Check the new recommended temperatures. 2011 May 25 [cited 2011 Jul 19]. In: FoodSafety.gov blog [Internet]. Washington: Food Safety and Inspection Service of the US Department of Agriculture, US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (US). [2010 Mar 10]- . [about 2 screens]. Available from: http://www.foodsafety.gov/blog/meat_temperatures.html

Radio broadcast / podcast

31. Swan W. Collaborative care for chronic illness. Radio National Health Report [Internet]. Katon W, guest; Werner J, producer. Sydney: Australian Broadcasting Corporation; 2011 Jan 31 [cited 2011 May 31]. Podcast: about 9 min. Available from: http://mpegmedia.abc.net.au/rn/podcast/2011/01/hrt_20110131_0830.mp3.

Television broadcast / podcast

32. Newby J. The decade of the brain. Catalyst [Internet]. Judickas L, editor. Sydney: Australian Broadcasting Corporation; 2010 Sep 23 [cited 2011 May 31]. Videocast: about 8 min. Available from: http://mpegmedia.abc.net.au/tv/catalyst/cat_s11_ep31_BrainDecade.mp4.

DVD

33. Stern PC, Khalsa DS. Aging well [DVD]. Bendigo (AU): Education Australasia; 2002. 1 DVD: 25 min., sound, color, 4 3/4 in.

CD-ROM

34. Scrivener R. Principles for best practice in clinical audit [CD-ROM]. Abingdon: Radcliffe Medical; 2002. 1 CD-ROM: sound, color, 4 3/4 in.

Video

35. Creamer M. Treating traumatic stress [videocassette]. 2004. 1 videocassette: 42 min., sound, color, 1/2 in.

Other source types

Report

36. Funk M, Drew N, Freeman M, Faydi E. Mental health and development: targeting people with mental health conditions as a vulnerable group. Geneva: World Health Organisation; 2010 [cited 2011 Jul 18]. 108 p. (NLM classification: WA 305). Available from: http://whqlibdoc.who.int/publications/2010/9789241563949_eng.pdf

Lecture notes given online

37. Ellis D. An introduction to medical mycology [Internet]. Adelaide: The University of Adelaide, School of Molecular & Biomedical Science; 2011 Mar 7 [cited 2011 May 31]. [14 p.]. Available from: http://www.mycology.adelaide.edu.au/downloads/Mycology_Intro.pdf.

Lecture or lecture notes not available publicly

Give reference details in running text instead of as end references, e.g.

... public health practitioners often express frustration at these issues (Mar 7, 2010 lecture presented at the University of Adelaide; unreferenced). Moreover, ...

Artificial Intelligence

The Library recommends following the guidelines for personal communication. Give reference details in running text instead of as end references, e.g.

... according to a generative text program (ChatGPT, 30 March 2023).

Open AI's ChatGPT (30 March 2023) responded ...

Email

38. Gull, Belinda (Senior Project Officer, Health Safety and Wellbeing, University of Adelaide, AU). Weight Watchers @ Work - information session, this Friday 24 June. Message to: Health & Safety Officers, University of Adelaide. 2011 Jun 22 [cited 2011 Jul 19]. [about 1 screen].

PowerPoint presentation found online

39. Dennis S, Lee MD. Bayesian inference for signal detection models of recognition memory. Paper presented at: Workshop on Memory and Concept Formation; 2006 Jul 12-14; Margaret River (AU). PowerPoint presentation available from: <http://www.psychology.adelaide.edu.au/personalpages/staff/simondennis/MargaretRiver06.ppt>.

Australian Bureau of Statistics

40. National health survey [Internet]. Canberra: Australian Bureau of Statistics; 2001 - . Catalogue No. 4364.0, National health survey: summary of results, 2007-2008 (Reissue); 2009 May 11 [reissued 2009 Aug 25; cited 2011 Aug 30]. 19 tables]. Available from: [http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/4364.0Main+Features12007-2008%20\(Reissue\)?OpenDocument](http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/4364.0Main+Features12007-2008%20(Reissue)?OpenDocument)

Part of a database

41. Database of Genotypes and Phenotypes [Internet]. Bethesda (MD): National Center for Biotechnology Information. [date unknown]. Accession No. phs000348.v1.p1, Towards a genomic understanding of myeloma; [cited 2011 Jul 19]; [about 2 screens]. Available from: http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/projects/gap/cgi-bin/study.cgi?study_id=phs000348.v1.p1

Whole database

42. Database of Genotypes and Phenotypes [Internet]. Bethesda (MD): National Center for Biotechnology Information. [2007] - [cited 2011 Jul 19]; [about 2 screens]. Available from: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gap>

Listserv or Discussion message

43. Ngangue P. RE : [CLICK4HP] Désétiquettage psychiatrique - Psychiatric unlabeled. In: CLICK4HP Listserv [Internet]. North York (ON): York University; 2011 Mar 13 [cited 2011 Jul 19]. [about 1 screen].

Map

44. World: proportion of population using improved sanitation facilities (%), 2008 [demographic map on the Internet]. Geneva (CH): World Health Organization, Global Health Observatory; 2010 [cited 2011 Jul 18]. 1 screen: colour. Available from: http://gamapserver.who.int/mapLibrary/Files/Maps/MDG7_sanitation_08.png

Pamphlet or brochure

45. Components of an effective allergen control plan: a framework for food processors [Internet]. Lincoln (NE): Food Allergy Research & Resource Program; c2011 [cited 2011 Jul 18]. Available from: http://farrp.unl.edu/c/document_library/get_file?p_l_id=4070800&folderId=2103644&name=DLFE-22219.pdf

Patent

46. Boonham N, Danks C, inventors; The Central Science Laboratory (CSL) representing the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, assignee. Purification method and kits. World patent WO 2007/104962. 2007 Mar 12. Australian.

Thesis

47. Jordan Z. International collaboration in health sciences research: manna, myth and model [dissertation]. [Adelaide]: University of Adelaide; 2010. 218 p.

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