

The Vancouver style of referencing (also known as the 'Uniform Requirements' style) is the style most commonly used in medicine and the biomedical sciences.

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IN-TEXT REFERENCING

- References in your text should be identified by numbers in brackets.
- The number originally assigned to a reference should be re-used if that reference is cited again later in the text.
- If you are citing multiple references at a given point in your text, these should be separated by a hyphen in the case of inclusive numbers (eg. 5-7), or commas in the case of non-inclusive numbers (eg. 8,10,12).
- Take care to place citation numbers at the point of most relevance within the sentence.
- As a general rule, reference numbers should be placed outside of full-stops and commas, and inside of colons and semicolons.

REFERENCE LIST

- This should only contain references to those works which you have cited in your text.
- It should appear at the end of your text.
- It should be arranged numerically by citation number.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

- This should contain references to those works which you consulted for the purposes of writing your essay or report, but which you did not cite directly in your text.
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HOW TO REFERENCE A JOURNAL ARTICLE

- List the first six authors followed by et al.
- Titles of journals should be abbreviated according to the style used in *Index Medicus*.

To look these up, go to PubMed's **Journal Database** at

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?db=journals> and then enter the full journal title to view its abbreviation.

Vega KJ, Pina I, Krevsky B. Heart transplantation is associated with an increased risk for pancreatobiliary disease. *Ann Intern Med* 1996 Jun 1;124 (11):980-3.

HOW TO REFERENCE BOOKS

Personal author/s

Ringsven MK, Bond D. Gerontology and leadership skills for nurses. 2nd ed. Albany (NY): Delmar Publishers; 1996.

Edited book

Norman IJ, Redfern SJ, editors. Mental health care for elderly people. New York: Churchill Livingstone; 1996.

Corporate author/publisher

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Book chapter

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

Dictionary

Stedman's medical dictionary. 26th ed. Baltimore: Williams & Wilkins; 1995. Apraxia; p. 19- 20.

HOW TO REFERENCE ELECTRONIC SOURCES

Journal article in electronic format

Morse SS. Factors in the emergence of infectious diseases. Emerg Infect Dis [serial online] 1995 Jan-Mar [cited 2008 March 26];1(1):[24 screens]. Available from: URL: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/eid/vol1no1/morse.htm>

Book in electronic format

CDI, clinical dermatology illustrated [monograph on CD-ROM]. Reeves JRT, Maibach H. CMEA Multimedia Group, producers. 2nd ed. Version 2.0. San Diego: CMEA; 1995.

Computer file

Hemodynamics III: the ups and downs of hemodynamics [computer program]. Version 2.2. Orlando (FL): Computerized Educational Systems; 1993.

Homepage/web site

Cancer-Pain.org [homepage on the Internet]. New York: Association of Cancer Online Resources, Inc.; c2000-01 [updated 2002 May 16; cited 2002 Jul 9]. Available from: <http://www.cancer-pain.org/>.

Part of a database on the Internet

MeSH Browser [database on the Internet]. Bethesda (MD): National Library of Medicine (US); 2002 - [cited 2003 Jun 10]. Meta-analysis; unique ID: D015201; [about 3 p.]. Available from: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/mesh/MBrowser.html> Files updated weekly.

MIMS Online [database on the Internet]. MIMS Australia; 2008 – [cited 2008 March 26]. Serepax; 3(b) Antianxiety agents; [about 6 p.]. Available from:

http://0-www.mims.hcn.net.au/library.newcastle.edu.au/ifmx-nsapi/mims-data/?Mlval=2MIMS_abbr_pi&product_code=465&product_name=Serepax