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General Guidelines to AMA Citations

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- AMA indicates source materials throughout the text using superscript numbers.
- Each source used will receive a consecutive number.
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- The superscript number should be placed outside periods and commas, but inside colons and semicolons:

Fear and anxiety can amplify the damage of the disease.¹⁻³

Fear and anxiety amplify the disease^{1,3}; controlling perception of the disease can mitigate fear and anxiety.⁴

- Avoid using a superscript reference citation immediately after a unit of measurement:

Avoid: Studies show that this disease occurs in women age 45-55.⁵

Better: Studies⁵ show that this disease occurs in woman age 45-55.

References

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Type of Source	References List
Journal Articles	
Journal Article, One Author	1. Çelik MY. The thoughts of parents to vaccinate their children against COVID-19: an assessment of situations that may affect them. <i>J Child Adolesc Psychiatr Nurs.</i> 2022;35(2):189-195. doi:10.1111/jcap.12362
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Journal Article, Seven or More Authors	3. Takeshita Y, Ibaragi S, Yutori H, et al. The potential for facial artery injury during mandibular third molar extraction. An anatomical study using contrast-enhanced computed tomography. <i>Clin Anat.</i> 2021;34(8):1215-1223. doi:10.1002/ca.23779
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Books	
Print Book, One Author	4. Richtel M. <i>An Elegant Defense of the Immune System.</i> William Morrow; 2019.
Print Book, Two to Six Authors	5. Ball JW, Dains JE, Flynn JA, Solomon BS, Stewart, RW. <i>Seidel’s Guide to Physical Examination: An Interprofessional Approach.</i> 9 th ed. Elsevier; 2019.
Print Book, Editors	6. Bunik M, Hay WW, Levin MJ, Abzug MJ, eds. <i>Current Diagnosis & Treatment: Pediatrics.</i> 26 th ed. McGraw-Hill Education: 2022.
Chapter in a Book	7. Manson JE, Skerrett PJ, Willet WC. Epidemiology of health risks associated with obesity. In: Fairburn CG, Brownell KD, eds. <i>Eating Disorders and Obesity: A Comprehensive Handbook.</i> 2 nd ed. Guilford Press; 2002:422-428.

Electronic Book	8. Corrigan PW, Ballentine SL. <i>Health and Wellness in People Living with Serious Mental Illness</i> . American Psychiatric Association Publishing; 2021. Accessed June 30, 2021. http://ezproxy.nwciowa.edu/login?url=https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=nlebk&AN=2765750&site=ehost-live&scope=site
Other	
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Dictionary	9. Eicosanoids. In: Berdanier CD. <i>CRC Desk Reference for Nutrition</i> . 3 rd ed. Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press; 2011.
Newspaper Article	10. Anthes E. U.S. sees first cases of local malaria transmission in two decades. <i>New York Times</i> . June 27, 2023. Accessed July 3, 2023. https://www.nytimes.com/2023/06/27/health/us-malaria-mosquitoes.html
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Website	11. Tetzlaff E. PAs in oncology report burnout and high satisfaction. American Academy of Physician Associates. Published May 26, 2020. Accessed July 5, 2023. https://www.aapa.org/news-central/2020/05/pas-in-oncology-report-burnout-and-high-satisfaction/