AMA Citation Style: Tips & Examples

Content: This guide will help with formatting some of the most common sources of information used in medical writing. Complete instructions can be found in the AMA Manual of Style (10th ed.) located at the Lane Library Reference Desk.

Attributes of AMA citation style:
- Citations are numbered in order of appearance in document. Use Endnote function in MS Word to insert superscript numbers in text and corresponding source information for endnote.
- Insert superscript numbers outside of commas and periods like this.¹
- Author names are inverted and only initials are used for first and middle names. No comma between last name and initials.
- Journal names are abbreviated according to PubMed abbreviations.

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