

CITING REFERENCES

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IMPORTANCE OF ACCURACY

- Studies show that many references are inaccurate.
- For references to fulfill their functions, they must be accurate.

Therefore

- Make sure to accurately state what the cited material says.
- Make sure that all information in the citation (for example, author list, article title, journal title, volume, year, pages) is accurate.

FORMATS

- Various formats exist for citation in text:
 - Accuracy of references is important (Day and Gastel, 2011).
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- Read the Instructions to authors

STYLES OF REFERENCING

- Vancouver Style
- Harvard Style
- The Chicago Style
- The ACS (American Chemical Society) Style
- AMA (American Medical Association) Style
- The MLA (Modern Language Association) Style
- American Psychological Association style
- Scientific Style and Format

BIBLIOGRAPHIC ELEMENTS

Authors in correct sequence, and names checked from PubMed

Singh JK, Bawa M, Kanojia RP, Ghai B, Menon P, Rao KL.

Correct title of the article to come after the authors name.

Idiopathic simultaneous intussusceptions in a neonate.

Pediatr Surg Int 2009;25:445-7.

Correct journal abbreviation as given in Pubmed

Year of the article given after the journal abbreviation

Year of publication is followed by the volume no.

Page no. comes last this **should not** be written as 445-447

PUNCTUATION MARKS

Coma followed by space after each author
do not write *and* before the last author

Full stop after the last author
followed by space and then
the article title

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Full stop at the
end of the ref.

Single space between the journal
abbreviation and the year, place no
other punctuation marks

Hyphen to separate the
page no.

Semicolon ; after
the year without any
space

Colon : after volume
no. without any space

CITATION MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

- EndNote, Reference Manager, Mendeley, Refman, Zotero
- Allows you to keep a database of references and full texts
- Provides the citations and references in the proper format for your target journal
- Saves time and organizes research

REFERENCES DEMO

QUESTIONS?

COMMENTS?

ADDITIONS?

HANDS ON EXERCISE

Time 10 minutes

Cite the references in a better manner

Spot the mistakes in the references?