



Vancouver Referencing Style

The Vancouver is the numbered citation style used in medicine and the biomedical science. It consists of citation to someone else's work in the text; indicated by the use of a number and a sequential numbered reference list at the end of the document providing full details of the corresponding in-text reference.

IN-TEXT CITATIONS

The Vancouver Referencing style rules are established by International Committee of Medical Journal Editors. It is currently maintained by the U.S. National Library of Medicine.

It is also commonly known as the Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals.

- The Vancouver System assigns a number to each reference as it is cited. Citations within the text of your paper are identified with Arabic number in round or square brackets. Another method that can be used Arabic number in superscript
- A number must be used even if the author(s) is named in the sentence/text.
Example: Jones (8) has argued that...
Jenken²⁰ reported that
- References are numbered consecutively in the order they are first used in the text. The full citations will be included in the Reference List at the end of your document, with matching numbers identifying each reference.
- When multiple references are cited together, use a hyphen to indicate a series of inclusive numbers. Use commas (without spaces) to indicate a series of non-inclusive numbers. A citation with these references (4,5,6,7,10,19) is abbreviated to (4-7,10,19).
Example: Multiple clinical trials (4-7,10,19) show...
- The original number used for a reference is reused each time the reference is cited, regardless of its previous position in the text.
Example: "...the theory was first put forward by Lee (7) in 1999, but there was disagreement (3,5,8) over its importance."
- Include the page number when citing a direct quotes or specific ideas.
Example: "...has been proven demonstrably true." (4,p24)
- The citation in brackets is placed outside full stops and commas, and before any colons and semi-colons.
Example: ...a new description. (12, p111-2)
Moir and Jessel maintain "that the sexes are interchangeable".(1)
...this option is recommended (10);

When citing publications by one author:**Example:**

McCaron argued that “nursing staff ...”.(12)

In a recent study by McCaron²⁰, qualifications of school-leavers were analyzed ...

When citing publications by two to six authors or editors:**Example:**

In a newly published survey Hill, Smith and Reid⁹ argue that...

Eckerman, Dowd, Chong, Nixon, Gray and Johnson listed that “...”.(14)

It has been found that multiple clinical...(12).

When citing publications by six or more authors or editors:

For a source with six or more authors, list up to the first 6 authors or editors and use “et al.” after the 6th authors last name:

Example:

Leveno, Cunningham, Bloom, Spong, Dashe, Hoffman, et al. (1) states that...

When citing multiple references:

For multiple references that are cited together, use hyphen to indicate a series of inclusive numbers. Use commas to indicate a series of non-inclusive numbers. A citation with these references (4,5,6,7,14,19) is abbreviated to (4-7,14,19).

Example:

Multiple clinical trials (4-6,9) show...

"...the theory was first put forward by Lee (7) in 1999, but there was disagreement (3 5,8) over its importance."

Setting out quotations

- Short direct quotes.

Short direct quotations should be less than four typed lines of text. The quotation should be enclosed with double quotation marks and the reference source and include page number.

Example:

According to Pammi, "a profound aspect of infections on human health is..." (4, p.45).

- Long quotes:
 - a) Quotations are more than four typed lines of text.
 - b) It should be off-set in a block.
 - c) Reduced type and without quotation marks.
 - d) Quotations should be indented on inch from the left margin.
 - e) Insert reference source and page number.

Example:

Dean stated that:

Type 2 diabetes mellitus is increasing at a rapid rate, predominantly because of changes in environmental factors interacting with individual genetic susceptibility to the disease. Data from 20 longitudinal cohort studies present a consistent picture indicating that regular physical activity substantially reduces risk of type 2 diabetes. Adjustment for differences in body mass index between active and inactive groups attenuates the magnitude of risk reduction, but even after adjustment, a high level of physical activity is associated with a 20–30% reduction in diabetes risk. The data indicate that protection from diabetes can be conferred by a range of activities of moderate or vigorous intensity, and that regular light-intensity activity may also be sufficient, although the data for this are less consistent. (2, p.807)

Reference List

The Vancouver style of referencing requires that journal titles be abbreviated according to the style used in Index Medicus.

- The Reference List should appear at the end of your work on a separate page.
- It is listed numerically and in the same order that they have been cited in the text.
- Only include references you have cited in your work.
- The list is called "References".
- These details must include sufficient detail so that others may locate and consult your references.
- A bibliography is a separate list from the reference list and should be arranged alphabetically by author or title (where no author is given) in the Vancouver style.

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BOOKS			
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1 author	According to McCullough...(1)	1. McCullough J. Transfusion Medicine. 3 rd ed. Chichester: Wiley-Blackwell; 2012.	
2 or 6 authors	Ross and Pawlina (2) point out that..... According to South-Paul, Matheny and Lewis..... (3)	2. Ross MH and Pawlina W. Histology: a text and atlas: with correlated cell and molecular biology. Philadelphia: Wolters Kluwer Health/Lippincott Williams & Wilkins; 2011. 3. South-Paul JE, Matheny SC and Lewis EL. CURRENT Diagnosis & Treatment in Family Medicine. 3rd ed. New York: McGraw-Hill Medical; 2011.	
Multiple works by the same author/ editor	Leveno, Cunningham, Bloom, Spong, Dashe, Hoffman, et al. (4) states that..... Pregnancy complications.....(5)	4. Leveno KJ, Cunningham FG, Bloom SL, Spong CY, Dashe JS , Hoffman BL, et al., editors. Williams obstetrics. 24th ed. New York: McGraw-Hill Education; 2014. 5. Leveno KJ, Alexander JM, Bloom SL, Casey BM, Dashe JS., Roberts SW, et al., editors. Williams manual of pregnancy complications. 23rd ed. New York: McGraw-Hill Medical; 2013.	
7 or more authors	The study was extended for 2 years and only after results were reviewed by an independent panel.(6)	6. Bulstrode C, Wilson-MacDonald J, Eastwood DM, John McMaster, Fairbank J, Singh PJ, et al. Oxford Textbook of Trauma and Orthopaedics. 2nd ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press; 2011	List the first 6 names and subsequently add 'et al.'

Corporate author	According to Malaysian Medical Librarians Group (7)... '... the minimum holdings of medical textbooks.'(7,p25)	7. Malaysian Medical Librarians Group. MediCore : minimum holdings of medical textbooks for Malaysian libraries . Kuala Lumpur: Persatuan Pustakawan Malaysia; 2011.	
No author	'...do not die from the disease'.(8)	8. MIMS Malaysia. Petaling Jaya: MIMS Medica; 2014.	
An editor	According to Williamson, Driver and Baxter (9)...	9. Williamson E, Driver S and Baxter K, eds. Stockley's Herbal Medicines Interactions. London: Pharmaceutical Press; 2010.	

BOOK CHAPTER

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Book chapter (Print)	Price claimed that(10)	10. Price RA. Genes and Human Obesity. In: Ahima RS, editor. Metabolic Basis of Obesity. Philadelphia: Springer Science; 2011. p.127-138.	
Book chapter (Online)	Pammi, Vallejo and Abrams (11) claimed that	11. Pammi M, Vallejo JG, Abrams SA. Nutrition-Infection Interactions and Impacts on Human Health. Micronutrient Deficiency and Immunity. Boca Raton: CRC Press; 2014. p.40-44.	

ELECTRONIC BOOKS

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CITATION GUIDELINE	Author last name.	Author(s) Last name Initials. Title [Medium]. Edition (if available).Place of Publication: Publisher; Year of publication [cited date YY MM DD]. Available from: Name of database/ URL address.	
E-book (Accessed from Library subscribed database)	Early diagnosis and treatment of sepsis, including control of the infectious focus and a prompt start of antibiotics, reduces morbidity and mortality..... (12)	12. Farrar J, Hotez PJ, Junghanss T, Kang G, Lalloo D, White N. Manson's Tropical Diseases [Internet]. 23 rd ed. Philadelphia: Saunders; 2014 [cited 2014 Aug 14]. Available from: ClinicalKey.	
E-book (Accessed from Internet)	The safe use of IV fluid therapy in children requires accurate prescribing..... (13)	13. Hussain Imam Hj Muhammad Ismail, Ng HP, Thomas T. Paediatric Protocols for Malaysian Hospitals [Internet]. 3 rd ed. Kuala Lumpur: Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia; 2013 [cited 2014 Aug 14]. Available from: http://www.mpaweb.org.my/file_dir/6549703650eae1487f6fb.pdf	

JOURNAL

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			Taylor's Libraries .nih.gov/sites/entrez?db=journals The correct abbreviation will be listed.
Print Journal	A study conducted by Saba, Diep, Saini ando Dhippayom (14).....	14. Saba M, Diep J, Saini B, Dhippayom T. Meta-analysis of the effectiveness of smoking cessation interventions in community pharmacy. J Clin Pharm Ther. 2014 June; 39(3): 240-7.	

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E-Journal (with DOI)	The greatest stressor for emergency medicine posed by population ageing is the disproportionate contribution(15).	15. Arendts G, Lowthian J. Demography is destiny: an agenda for geriatric emergency medicine in Australasia. Emerg Med Australas [Internet]. 2013 Jun [cited 2014 Aug 15]; 25(3): 271-8. Available from: 10.1111/1742-6723.12073	

E-Journal (without DOI)	“When combined with brief behavioral support, cytisine was found to be superior to nicotine-replacement therapy in helping smokers quit smoking...” conclude that ... (16)	16. Walker N, Howe C, Glover M, McRobbie H, Barnes J, Parag V, Bassett B, Bullen C. Cytisine versus Nicotine for Smoking Cessation. N Engl J Med [Internet]. 2014 December [cited 2014 Aug 17]; 371(25): 2353-2361. Available from: http://www.nejm.org/doi/pdf/10.1056/NEJMoa1407764	
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Website	According to Ministry of Health statistic for the year 2014, numbers of Hospitals in Malaysia had increased compared to year 2014 (17).	17. Ministry of Health. Healthcare Facilities 2013 [Internet]. 2014 [2014 Aug 12; cited 2014 Dec 3]. Available from: http://www.moh.gov.my/index.php/pages/view/317	

MAGAZINE			
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Print	Vitamin C is good to provide us with the essentials anti-oxidant..... (18)	18. Sisodia P. Nice warned vitamin D guidance raises legal issues for pharmacist. Chemist+Druggist. 2014 June 21;41:11	If there is no author, then begin with the title
Online	Daily intake of yogurt will (19).	19. Y is Yoghurt. HealthToday (August) [Internet]. 2014 Aug; Sect. Nutri-wise: Available from: http://www.healthtoday.net/malaysia/Nutriwise/2014/08Aug/YisforYoghurt.aspx	

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	Jenken ²⁰ reported that	20. Jenkin C. Job hours hard work on health. Herald Sun. Melbourne. 2012 Nov 7: 28. [cited 2012 Nov 10].	

ONLINE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE			
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Online	Bernamea ²¹ reported	21. Bernama. Action will be taken against medical practitioners who issues MC to the healthy. New Straits Times. 2014 May 9. [Cited on 2014 December 10]. Available from: http://www.nst.com.my/node/467?d=1	

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Online	Figure 1 : Healthcare professionals (22).	22. Tabor M. Martha Tabor collection [photographs]. 1985-2006. 155 photographs: black & white. Prints and Photographs Collection, National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, MD. Photographs depict contemporary health care professionals at work.	

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Print	Rural Health is most crucial (23).	23. Grassby AJ. Health care in the multi-cultural society. In: Walpole R, editor. Rural Health. Proceedings of the Rural Health Conference of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners; 1978; Melbourne. Melbourne, AU: The Royal Australian College of Practitioners; 1979. p. 49-50.	Print
CITATION GUIDELINE	(Author(s) last name)	Author(s) last name and initials. In: Title of Conference [Internet]; Date of Conference; Place of Conference. Place of publication: Publisher's name; Date of Publication [cited YYYY abb. Month DD]; p. page numbers. Available from: URL or Database Name.	
Online	Several researches need to develop methods to improve auscultation skills, medical Education accreditation standards and family medicine clerkships.... (24).	24. Robinson, Melissa. Proceedings of the 2013 Society of Teachers of Family Medicine (STFM) Conference on Medical Student Education [Internet]; 2013 January 24-27; Tennessee. Tennessee, USA: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates; 2013 [cited 2014 Dec 10]; p. 3-4. Available from : http://eds.b.ebscohost.com/eds/detail/detail?sid=fc66848b-0554-41e7-9677-77cd671e4f14%40sessionmgr110&vid=0&hid=126&bdata=JnNpdGU9ZWRzLWxpdmUmc2NvcGU9c2l0ZQ%3d%3d#db=eue&AN=95430814	Online

THESIS			
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CITATION GUIDELINE	(Author(s) last name)	Author last name and initials. Title of Dissertation/Thesis. Place of publication: Publisher; Year.	
Published	The father of Romanian modern medicine (25)	25. Rogozea Liliana. A Doctoral Thesis about Carol Davila Written in Paris in 1936 [thesis]. France; Clujul Medical; 2014.	
	(Author(s) last name)	Author last name and initials. Title of Dissertation/Thesis. Place of publication: Publisher; Year. Number of pages.	Print
Unpublished	Human sexuality in children (26)	26. Weisbaum LD. Human sexuality of children and adolescents: a comprehensive training guide for social work professionals [master's thesis]. Long Beach (CA): California State University; 2005. 200 p.	

FIGURE & TABLE			
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Figure	Figure 15.5. The arteries of the pelvis.(27)	27. Eric Legome, Shockley L.W. Trauma. In: Hammel J. Pelvic Fracture. USA: Cambridge University Press; 2011. Figure 15.5, the arteries of the pelvis; p.255.	

Table	Table 1. Methods of analgesia in labour.(28)	28. Pitkin J, Peattie A.B, Magowan B.A. Obstetrics and Gynaecology. London: Churchill Livingstone; 2013. Table 1, Methods of analgesia in labour; p.70.	<p>Book Section (for book chapters) Enter book chapter details as normal. After YEAR field enter the table details starting with table/figure/image details</p> <p>Book Enter book details as normal. In the YEAR field insert a full stop and space after the year followed by the table/figure/image details</p>
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DICTIONARIES & ENCYCLOPEDIA

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Dictionary (Print)	Blastomycosis is defined as (29)	29. Dorland's illustrated medical dictionary. 32 nd ed. Philadelphia: Elsevier Saunders; 2012. Blastomycosis; p. 223-4.	
Dictionary (Online)	Blastomycosis is defined as (30)	30. Dorland's Medical Dictionary for Health Consumers. 30 th ed. Philadelphia: Elsevier Saunders; 2007. Blastomycosis; p. 223-4. [cited 2014 Aug 14]. Available from: http://medical-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com/blastomycosis	

Encyclopedia (Print)	Melanson explained that (31)	31. Melanson KJ. Diabetes Mellitus and Lifestyle. In: Rippe JM, editor. Encyclopedia of Lifestyle Medicine & Health. Los Angeles: Sage; 2012. vol 1 p.323-38	
Encyclopedia (Online)	deToledo-Morrell L has advocated that..... (32)	32. deToledo-Morrell L. Brain Aging: Structural Imaging Biomarkers of Risk of Alzheimer's Disease. In: Koob GF, Le Moal M and Thompson RF, editors. Encyclopedia of Behavioral Neuroscience. Los Angeles: Elsevier; 2010. vol 2 p.175-9	

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	Statistic from the Australian Bureau state that..... (33).	33. Australian Bureau of Statistics. Australia's environment: issues and facts. Canberra (AU); 1992. 354 p. ABS Cat. No. 4140.0	Print

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ENTRY OR COMMENT IN A BLOG (WEBLOG)	Acupuncture conversation had triggers.... (35)	<p>34. Rural Health Workforce Australia. Rural health: a life changing difference [Internet]. Canberra: RHWA [unknown date] [cited 2012 Nov 6]. Available from: http://ruralchampions.govspace.gov.au/</p> <p>35. <i>A contribution to a blog:</i> Moseley, L. The conversation acupuncture piece triggers prickly debate. 2012 Nov 6 [cited 2012 Nov 6]. In: BodyinMind.org [Internet]. Adelaide: Body in Mind Research Group. 2012 - [about 3 screens]. Available from: http://www.bodyinmind.org/</p>	

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DVD or BLU-RAY DISC (BD)	Carotid stenting is..... (36)	36. Subbarao M. Tough cases in carotid stenting [DVD]. Woodbury (CT): Cine-Med, Inc.; 2003. 1 DVD: sound, color, 4 3/4 in	
VCD	Advanced respiratory care for a patient (37)	37. Kacmarek RM. Advanced respiratory care [CD-ROM]. Version 3.0. Philadelphia: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins; 2000. 1 CD-ROM: sound, color, 4 3/4 in	

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LECTURER'S/TUTOR'S NOTES

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LECTURE NOTES	In the lecture given by Smith (40) ...	39. Smith JB. Anatomy of the head and neck [unpublished lecture notes]. University of Western Australia. 18 May 2009.	

PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS: EMAIL MESSAGES

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EMAIL MESSAGE	In an email from E. Ferguson, (eferguson@taylors.edu.my) in August 2014(47).	47. E. Ferguson (eferguson@taylor.edu.my) It's Getting Punnier and Punnier. Email to: Blair A. Brainard. (blairbrainard@yahoo.com) 8 Aug. 2014.	

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Vancouver Citation Style [Internet]. UWA Information Services: The Western University; 2012 [2014 Dec 9; cited 2014 Dec 11] Available from: <http://guides.is.uwa.edu.au/content.php?pid=279406&sid=2301544>

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