How to Cite References in American Psychological Association (APA) Format

The main scholarly association for academic psychologists in the United States, the American Psychological Association (APA) has developed standardized methods for citing print and electronic sources used in research. *APA is the official citation format style for UMHS.*

Note: These are only basic examples of the APA style. More detailed information is available through the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association *(6th edition) (available in the Library) and* http://www.apastyle.org/. *In addition, a variety of third-party style guides and web sites can provide further assistance.*

Basic Instructions:

Alphabetize each entry in a works cited list by the first letter, ignoring the articles A, An, and The. Indent subsequent lines of entries one-half inch.

> **Names**: Use initials for first and middle names.
> **Titles**: For articles, chapters and books, capitalize only the first word of the title and subtitle and proper nouns. Fully capitalize periodical titles.
> **Dates**: Publication dates use the order year, month day. The access date uses the order month day year. If no publication date is available, use "n.d." in place of date.

The following examples are citations from EBSCO databases. If you cannot find some of this information, cite what is available. Different styles may apply when citing print and other sources.

Journal Article

> **Pattern:**

[Author last name], [First initial]. [Middle initial]. ([Publication year]). [Title of article]. [*Title of journal*], [*Volume number*]([Issue number]), [Page number starts]-[ends]. [Document Object Identifier]

> **Example:**

Silva, L. (2007). Epistemological and theoretical challenges for studying power and politics in information systems. *Information Systems Journal*, *17*(2), 165-183. [Document Object Identifier]

Journal Article w/ No Author

> **Pattern:**

[Title of article]. ([Publication year]). [*Title of journal*], [*Volume number*]([Issue number]), [Page number starts]-[ends]. [Document Object Identifier]

> **Example:**

Epistemological and theoretical challenges for studying power and politics in information systems. (2007). *Information Systems Journal*, *17*(2), 165-183. [Document Object Identifier]

Online Magazine Article

Pattern:

[Author last name], [First initial]. ([Year], [Month]). [Article Title] [*Title of magazine*], [*Volume number*] ([Issue Number]).

Example:

Wood, L. (2007, February). Curiously strong teamwork. *Business Week*, *4023*.

Magazine Article w/ No Author

Pattern:

[Title of article]. ([Year], [Month]). [*Title of magazine*], [*Volume number*] ([Issue Number]).

Example:

Curiously strong teamwork. (2007, February). *Business Week*, *4023*, 90-92.

Online Newspaper Article

Pattern:

[Author last name], [First initial]. [Middle initial]. ([Year], [Month] [Day]). [Title of article]. [*Title of newspaper*].

Example:

Bodipo-Memba, A. (2007, February 21). AT&T, GM agrees to $1-billion telecommunications pact. *Detroit Free Press*.

Online Newspaper Article w/ No Author

Pattern:

[Title of article]. ([Year], [Month] [Day])] [*Title of newspaper*].

Example:

AT&T, GM agrees to $1-billion telecommunications pact. (2007, February 21). *Detroit Free Press*.

Book

Pattern:

[Author last name], [First initial]. [Middle initial]. ([Publication year]). [*Title of work*]. [Location]: [Publisher].

Example:

Melkman, A. (2006). *Strategic customer planning*. London, UK: Thorogood.

Online Book Chapter

Pattern:

[Author last name], [First initial]. [Middle initial]. ([Publication year]). [Title of chapter]. In, [*Title of book*] (pp. [Page number starts]-[ends]). [Location]: [Publisher].

Example:

Melkman, A. (2006). Introduction, summary and how to get the most out of this book. In, *Strategic customer planning* (pp. 1-18). London, UK: Thorogood.

Image

Pattern:

[Title of image]. ([Date of creation]).

Example:

Bush meets Italian president in Rome. (2005).

Video / Audio

Pattern:

[Title of video / audio]. ([Date of creation]).

Example:

Presidential and Vice Presidential debates - 1988. (1988).

Electronic books

Pattern:

[Author Last Name]' [Author first name initials]. ([Date]). [*Book Title*] Retrieved from [URL]

Example:

Seaward, B. L. (1999). *Managing Stress: Principles and Strategies for Health and Wellbeing.* Retrieved from www.netlibrary.com

Electronic Book-Chapter

Pattern:

[Author Last Name]' [Author first name initials]. ([Date]). [Title of Chapter] In [*Book Title*] (Chapter or Section number) Retrieved from [URL]

Example:

Seaward, B. L. (1999). "Managing Stress." *In Managing Stress: Principles and Strategies for Health and Wellbeing.* (Chapter 1) Retrieved from www.netlibrary.com

Website

Pattern:

[Author Last Name], [Author First Name Initial]. ([Date of publication]). [*Title of document*]. Retrieved from [http://Web address]

Example:

IBM. (n.d.). *Green electronics: designing for a smarter planet.* Retrieved from http://www.ibm.com/smarterplanet/us/en/green_and_sustainability/article/green_electronics.html?re=ussph1.1

Citing DynaMed:

Citing a specific record:

DynaMed Plus. (2015, March 8). Acetaminophen poisoning. Ipswich, MA: EBSCO Information Services. Retrieved March 1, 2015, from
http://www.dynamed.com/login.aspx?direct=true&site=DynaMed&id=113862

Citing a specific drug record:

Truven Health Analytics Inc., *DynaMed Plus*. (2015, March 8). Varenicline. Ipswich, MA: EBSCO Information Services. Retrieved May 3, 2015, from
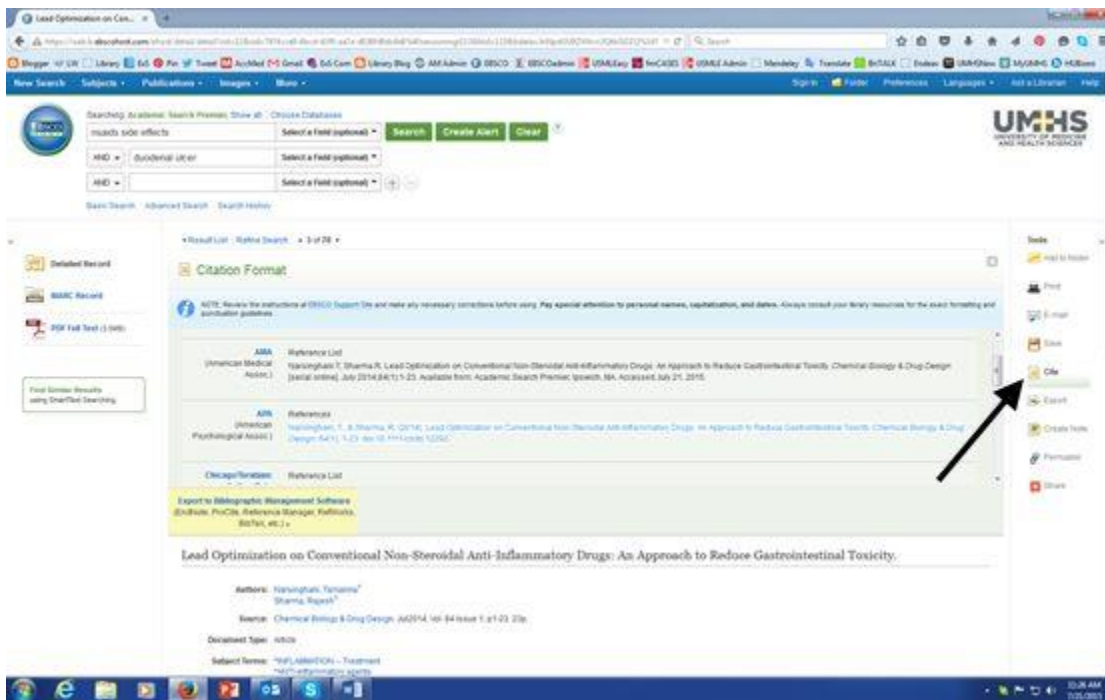http://www.dynamed.com/login.aspx?direct=true&site=DynaMed&id=23301

Citing a specific lab record:

Truven Health Analytics Inc., *DynaMed Plus*. (2015, April 25). Cholesterol serum measurement. Ipswich, MA: EBSCO Information Services. Retrieved May 3, 2014, from
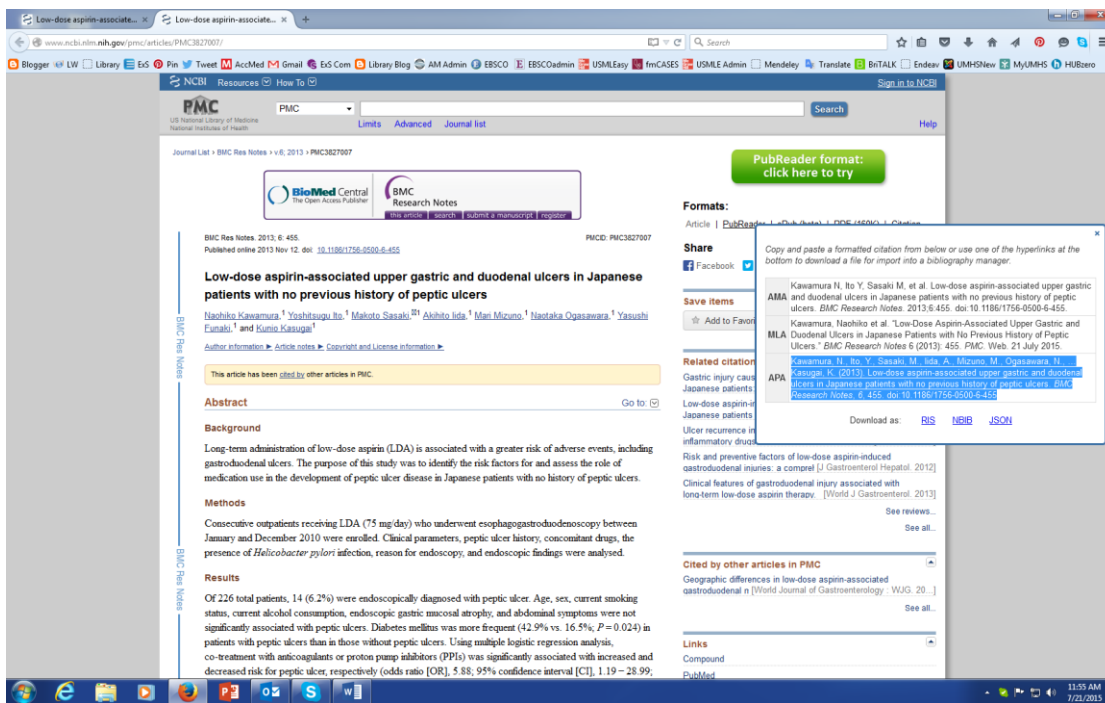http://www.dynamed.com/topics/dmp~AN~T907169/Serum-cholesterol-measuremen

Citing using an in text citation:
Severe effects of acetaminophen poisoning are more common after age 40. (*DynaMed Plus*, 2015).

Citing EBSCO & PubMed Journals Using their Built-In *'Cite'* Feature:

Once in the article record in any of the EBSCO databases or in PubMed, click the *'Cite'* icon in the right-hand sidebar. Then copy and paste the ready-made APA formatted citation for that article into your references.

Citing AccessMedicine: