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Citation Skills

NLM Citation Format

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Call a Librarian: 203-576-4747

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In-text Citations

Each reference should be cited in the text by placing a superscript Arabic numeral at the end of the sentence where the reference is used.

Examples:

“It was definitely the first time that had ever happened”.¹

As scholar John Smith noted, it was the first time for such an historic event.²

There are three different number systems that NLM accepts. Ask your professor which style you should use.

Citation-Sequence System

References are numbered in the order they first appear in the text. For example, if Zatkowski is the first source referred to in the text, they are reference number one in the list.

Citation-Name System

References are numbered alphabetically by author. For example, Adam would be number 1 and Baker number 2, regardless of what order they appear in the text.

Name-Year System

This system does not use the number system, but instead uses the last name and year of publication within parentheses for an in-text citation:

Example: (Smith 2006)

The references are ordered by author’s last name.

Reference Page

‘References’ written at the top-center of page.

Order references based one of the three methods described on the left.

Do not type the title of journals completely. Use abbreviations.

Abbreviations can be found here: http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nlmcatalog/journals

Books

Lastname Firstinitial. Title of book. City of Publication: Name of Publisher; Year Published. Total number of pages.

Journal Articles

Lastname Firstinitial. Title of article. Journal Title. Year Month(abbreviated) Day; volume number(issue number): pages.

Web Page

Lastname Firstinitial. Title of Website [Type of Medium]. City of Publication (State abbreviation): Publisher; Date of Publication [Date of update/Revision]. Available from: http://website.com.

This is a very quick overview of NLM formatting requirements. For a more detailed overview visit the National Library of Medicine’s style guide at:

http://www.nlm.nih.gov/citingmedicine