

Author Guideline

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The following are sample references:

Standard journal article

List first authors:

Halpern SD, Ubel PA, Caplan AL. Solid organ transplantation in HIV-infected patients. N Engl J Med 2002; 347: 284-7.

More than six authors:

Rose ME, Huerbin MB, Melick J. et al. Regulation of interstitial excitatory amino acids concentrations after cortical contusion injury. Brain Res 200, 935: 40-6.

Books and other monographs:

Murray PR, Rosenthal KS, Kobayashi GS, Pfaller MA. Medical Microbiology. 4th ed. St Louis: Mosby; 2002.

Editor(s), Compiler(s) as Author:

Gilstrap LC 3rd, Cunningham FG, Van Dorsten JP, editors. Operative obstetrics 2nd ed. New York: McGraw-Hill, 2002.

Chapter in a Book:

Meltzer PS, Kallioniemi A, Trent JM. Chromosome alterations in human solid tumors. In: Vogelstein B, Kinzler KW, editors. The genetic basis of human cancer. New York: McGraw-Hill; 2002. p.93-113.

Dissertation

Borkowski MM. Infant sleep and feeding: a telephone survey of Hispanic Americans [dissertations]. Mount Pleasant(MI): Central Michigan University; 2002.

Worldwide Web (www)

Dushay J, Abrahamson MJ. Insulin Resistance and Type 2 Diabetes; A Comprehensive Review. Available at <http://www.medscape.com/viewarticles/501569> (accessed 20 July, 2007)

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