

Citation Guide

This citation guide is a curated version of the complete Vancouver Style Guide [available here](#). We've listed the most common sources that people use and how to cite them to make it easier for you to format your citations.

Correctly formatted citations are a critical part of your article. We can't publish your piece until all the citations are correct. If you need any help, please email us at brown@thetriplehelix.org or refer to the complete guide linked to above.

In-Text Citations

Your in-text citations should be numbered according to **the order in which they appear in the article**. For example, if I have already cited four sources in my text, I will number the next source I am citing as [5]. Every time I use that source after that, its number will always be [5].

When doing in-text citations, please use **square brackets** around your numbers and put the punctuation **outside of the bracket**. Here is an example.

Preventable accidents stemming from a lack of sleep litter the annals of media: the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Prince William Sound, the 1988 Aloha Airlines accident [2], or the Joubert tragedy in Beaumont, Texas [3].

Sometimes using in-text citations while quoting from your source is a bit tricky. Your citation is not a part of the source, so you should put it outside the quotes. Here is an example.

The growing mechanization of industry in the mid-twentieth century resulted in an “economic democracy planned by all members of the industrial organization” [4].

When trying to cite more than one source at once, separate the numbers with a comma but put them within one set of brackets.

Natural Killer T cells are a subset of the T cell population that share cell surface markers of Natural Killer cells [4, 5, 6].

You should always use in-text citations every time you refer back to your source. Remember, it's never really possible to over-cite, so err on the side of caution and cite every time you refer to a source.

The Bibliography

Your sources should be numbered in the **order you first used them in the article** with square bracketed numbers next to them using a **hanging indent**. Here is an example.

- [1] Sivertsen B, Lallukka T, Salo P. The economic burden of insomnia at the workplace: An opportunity and time or intervention? *SLEEP* 2011; 34(9):1151-1152.
- [2] Oexman RD, Knotts TL, Koch JL. Working while the world sleeps: A consideration of sleep and shift work design. *Employee Responsibilities and Rights Journal* 2002; 14(4):145-157.

Some other thoughts:

- Be sure to use the abbreviated name of your journal according to PubMed. Please search for the journal [here](#) and use the “NLM Title Abbreviation” when citing.
- Dates should be in the form Year Month Day, with the month abbreviated (e.g., 2013 Feb 5).
- Remember that journal and other publication titles should be in italics!

For **PRINT SOURCES**, including (1) books, (2) journal articles, (3) anthologies, and (4) newspapers or magazines (print form, not from the Internet), please use this Vancouver style citation machine [available here](#).

If your source not one of these four types, please **do not** use the citation machine and see the below table. Remember that the words in triangular brackets (<>) are what you should put in that place.

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<i>Personal Interview</i>	<person being interviewed>. Interviewed by: <who conducted the interview>. <date you interviewed them> [cited <when you wrote the source>]
<i>Web Page</i> (including news from the Internet) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A lot of times, web pages will be missing a lot of information. Just try to fill as much as you can. 	<author, company or institution>. <title of the web page or the web article> [Internet]. <date the page was posted> [cited <when you cited it>]. Available from: < the link with the http:// still in the front>
<i>Image from the Internet</i> (remember this for your Article Submission Forms after your third draft!) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You should right click on the image and click “View Image” and get the title of the page and the link based on that page showing only your image. 	<title of the image> [Image on the Internet]. <year the image was first posted> [cited <when you cited it>]. Available from: <the link with the http:// still in the front>

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