

## **The Vancouver Style for references**

The Vancouver Style and the uniform requirements for manuscripts submitted to biomedical journals that were endorsed in February 1979 by the International Steering Committee of Medical Editors (ISCME).

### **General rules**

Number references consecutively in the order in which they are first mentioned in the text. Identify references in text, tables, and legends by arabic numerals (in parenthesis).

Each author's surname should be followed by the initials of all his/her names and the initials should not be spaced. There is no punctuation between surname and initials. Separate successive authors by comas. End the succession by a full-stop. Do not use 'and' before the last author.

When a reference includes six or less authors, list them all. However, if a reference contains seven or more authors, list only the first three and add 'et al'.

When referring to information from manuscripts accepted but not yet published, mention the journal followed by 'in press'. Information from manuscripts submitted but not yet accepted should be cited in the text as 'unpublished observations' (in parenthesis).

For the last page number remove the first digits when repeated from the first page number eg 636-42 instead of 636-642

It is your responsibility and not the editor's/reader's to verify the references against the original documents.

### **Journals**

#### **Standard journal article**

Soter NA, Wasserman ST, Austen KF. Cold urticaria: release into the circulation of histamine and eosinophil chemotactic factor of anaphylaxis during cold challenge. N Engl J Med 1976;294 :687-90.

Author. Full title of the article. Name of journal year;volume number:First

page-last page.

### **Corporate author**

The Committee on Enzymes of the Scandinavian Society for Clinical Chemistry and Clinical Physiology. Recommended method for the determination of gamma-glutamyltransferase in blood. Scand J Clin Lab Invest 1976;36:119-25.

### **Author(s) not known**

Anonymous. Epidemiology for primary health care. Int J Epidemiol 1976;5:224-5.

### **Books**

#### **Personal author(s)**

Osler AG. Complement: mechanisms and functions. Englewood Cliffs: Prentice-Hall, 1976.

Author(s). Book title. Edition if not the first edition, reprint if relevant. City: Publisher's name in full, year; pages in succession.

#### **Corporate author**

American Medical Association, Department of Drugs. AMA drug evaluations. 3rd ed. Littleton: Publishing Sciences Group, 1977.

#### **Editor or compiler as author**

Rhodes AJ, Van Rooyen CE, comps. Textbook of virology: for students and practitioners of medicine and the health sciences. 5th ed. Baltimore: Williams and Wilkins, 1968.

In books with editors as authors use **eds** instead of **comps** after the names.

#### **Chapter in book**

Weinstein L, Swartz MN. Pathogenic properties of invading micro-organisms. In: Sodeman WA Jr, Sodeman WA, eds. Pathologic physiology: mechanisms of disease. Philadelphia: WB Saunders, 1974; 457-72.

Chapter author(s). Title of chapter. In: Editor name(s), eds. Book title. Edition if not the first edition, reprint if relevant. City: Publisher's name in full, year; pages in succession.

This should be done only if the chapter has an author different from the author of the book, or if the book has one or more editors, and its chapters are written by different authors.

### **Agency publication**

National Center for Health Statistics. Acute conditions: incidence and associated disability, United States July 1968-June 1969. Rockville, Md.: National Center for Health Statistics, 1972. (Vital and health statistics. Series 10: Data from the National Health Survey, no. 69) (DHEW Publication no. (HSM)72-1036).

### **Newspaper article**

Shaffer RA. Advances in chemistry are starting to unlock mysteries of the brain: discoveries could help cure alcoholism and insomnia, explain mental illness. How the messengers work? Wall Street Journal 1977 Aug 12:1(col 1),10 (col 1).

### **Magazine article**

Roueché B. Annals of medicine: the Santa Claus culture. The New Yorker 1971 Sep 4:66-81.

### **Thesis**

Dowidar N. Infectious complications of biliary endoprotheses. Thesis, DrCh. Alexandria: University of Alexandria, Faculty of Medicine, 1992:52-8.