

Reference and Citation Format

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Periodicals

<p>Journal article, one author, serial pagination, DOI assigned to article</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lauta, V.M. (2003). A review of the cytokine network in multiple myeloma: Diagnostic, prognostic , and therapeutic implications. <i>Cancer</i>, 97(10), 2440–2452. https://doi.org/10.1002/cncr.11072 • APA style now includes the issue number in parentheses in all references regardless of pagination. • An en dash is used for the page range. • DOI is listed as a URL, rather than “doi:”.
<p>Journal article, two authors, no DOI but retrieved electronically</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park, J.C., & Eisenberger, M. (2015). Chemotherapy in prostate cancer beyond metastatic CRPC. <i>Oncology</i>, 29(12), 964–965. https://www.cancernetwork.com/oncology-journal/chemotherapy-prostate-cancer-beyond-metastatic-crpc • APA style no longer includes “Retrieved from” with the URL.
<p>Journal article, multiple authors</p> <p><i>Note.</i> ONS style still includes up to 7 authors before omitting. This differs from the latest APA manual.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 7 authors: Tavani, A., Pregnotato, A., Negri, E., Franceschi, S., Serraino, D., Carbone, A., & LaVecchia, C. (1997). Diet and risk of lymphoid neoplasms and soft tissue sarcomas. <i>Nutrition and Cancer</i>, 27(3), 256–260. https://doi.org/10.1080/01635589709514535 • Some older articles may have DOIs added retroactively. • 7 or more authors: Armenian, S.H., Lacchetti, C., Barac, A., Carver, J., Constine, L.S., Denduluri, N., ... Lenihan, D. (2017). Prevention and monitoring of cardiac dysfunction in survivors of adult cancers: American Society of Clinical Oncology clinical practice guideline. <i>Journal of Clinical Oncology</i>, 35(8), 893–911. https://doi.org/10.1200/JCO.2016.70.5400

Books or Other Printed Material

Entire book	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book with one author: Mukherjee, S. (2010). <i>The emperor of all maladies: A biography of cancer</i>. Scribner. [Add DOI if available, or URL if accessed online.] • Book with editors: Olsen, M.M., LeFebvre, K.B., & Brassil, K.J. (Eds.). (2019). <i>Chemotherapy and immunotherapy guidelines and recommendations for practice</i>. Oncology Nursing Society. • APA style no longer includes publisher location.
Chapter in an edited book	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gupta, A.K., Harris, E.R., Bernhard, E.J., Muschel, R.J., & McKenna, W.G. (2000). Overview of cell cycle and apoptosis. In H. Pass, J. Mitchell, D. Johnson, A. Turrisi, & J. Minna (Eds.), <i>Lung cancer: Principles and practice</i> (2nd ed., pp. 67–81). Lippincott Williams & Wilkins. • Jenkins, J., & Masny, A. (2003). Why should oncology nurses be interested in genetics? In A.S. Tranin, A. Masny, & J. Jenkins (Eds.), <i>Genetics in oncology practice: Cancer risk assessment</i> (pp. 1–12). Oncology Nursing Society.
Brochure, corporate author	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oncology Nursing Society. (2006). The oncology nurse practitioner and you: Partnering to provide quality cancer care [Brochure].
Government report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Center for Health Statistics. (2016). <i>Health, United States, 2015: With special feature on racial and ethnic health disparities</i> (DHHS Publication No. 2016-1232). http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/hus/hus15.pdf
Unpublished paper presented at a meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ducey, K., & Gray, M. (1996, November). <i>Leaping the hurdle in ambulatory pathway development</i>. Paper presented at the Seventh Annual Fall Institute of the Oncology Nursing Society, Phoenix, AZ.
Unpublished master's thesis or doctoral dissertation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katz, S. (1994). <i>The psychosocial implications of the child's chronic illness on the father</i>. Unpublished doctoral dissertation, Tel Aviv University, Israel.
Drug prescribing information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genentech. (2020). <i>Rituxan[®] (rituximab)</i> [Package insert].

Online References

<p>Online document</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baney, T., Belansky, H., Gutaj, D., Hellman-Wylie, C., Mackey, H., Shriner, M., & Vendlinski, S. (2014). <i>Red flags in caring for cancer survivors</i>. Oncology Nursing Society. https://www.ons.org/sites/default/files/media/Red%20Flags%20for%20Cancer%20Survivors.pdf
<p>Webpage</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Cancer Institute. (2020). Adult acute lymphoblastic leukemia treatment (PDQ[®]) [Health professional version]. https://www.cancer.gov/types/leukemia/hp/adult-all-treatment-pdq • Titles of webpages are not italicized. • For pages with no date listed, include “(n.d.)” in place of the year. • It is acceptable to list an organization as the author if no specific author is credited. Or if no author is identified, the title can be listed first.

Additional Information

There are a few common references that are not well described in the APA manual, so please use the following format for these references.

For the NCCN guidelines, please use the latest version whenever possible:

National Comprehensive Cancer Network. (2019). *NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology (NCCN Guidelines[®]): Bone cancer* [v.1.2020]. https://www.nccn.org/professionals/physician_gls/pdf/bone.pdf

For the CTCAE, please use the most recent version:

National Cancer Institute Cancer Therapy Evaluation Program. (2017). *Common terminology criteria for adverse events* [v.5.0]. https://ctep.cancer.gov/protocolDevelopment/electronic_applications/docs/CTCAE_v5_Quick_Reference_5x7.pdf

For WHO books, the particular chapter should be referenced, rather than the whole book:

Swerdlow, S.H., Webber S.A., Chadburn, A., & Ferry, J.A. (2008). Post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorders. In S.H. Swerdlow, E. Campo, N.L. Harris, E.S. Jaffe, S.A. Pileri, H. Stein, J. Thiele, & J.W. Vardiman (Eds.), *WHO classification of tumours of haematopoietic and lymphoid tissues* (4th ed., pp. 343–349). International Agency for Research on Cancer.

SEER data:

National Cancer Institute. (2016, November 10). *SEER Cancer Stat Fact Sheets: Chronic lymphocytic leukemia*. Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) Program. <http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/clyl.html>

Howlader, N., Noone, A.M., Krapcho, M., Miller, D., Brest, A., Yu, M., ... Cronin, K.A. (Eds). (2019). SEER cancer statistics review, 1975–2016 (Based on November 2018 SEER data submission). National Cancer Institute. https://seer.cancer.gov/csr/1975_2016

Institute of Medicine/Health and Medicine Division of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine reports:

Kohn, L.T., Corrigan, J.M., & Donaldson, M.S. (Eds.). (2000). *To err is human: Building a safer health system*. National Academies Press. <https://doi.org/10.17226/9728>

Note. Use the electronic version for references, citing the DOI (or URL, if no DOI).

Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews:

Jones, G., Cleves, A., Wilt, T.J., Mason, M., Kynaston, H.G., & Shelley, M. (2012). Intravesical gemcitabine for non-muscle invasive bladder cancer. *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews*, 2012(1). <https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD009294.pub2>

Note. Article number is not necessary because it has a DOI.

UpToDate:

Williams, J., & Nieuwsma, J. (2018). Screening for depression in adults. In J.A. Melin (Ed.), *UpToDate*. Retrieved December 18, 2018, from <https://www.uptodate.com/contents/screening-for-depression-in-adults>

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One author	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In a recent study of the cytokine network in multiple myeloma . . . (Lauta, 2001). • Lauta (2001) studied the cytokine network in multiple myeloma.
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