



# Deakin guide to Vancouver

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This guide to the Vancouver style of referencing is based on:

- the United States National Library of Medicine (NLM) publication [Citing medicine](#)
- sample references from the [International Committee of Medical Journal Editors \(ICMJE\)](#).

Note: Different units at Deakin use different referencing styles. Check your unit assessment information to find which style you are required to use.

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# Vancouver explained

Vancouver is a numbered citation style of referencing:

1. **A number in parentheses** is assigned to a source and that same number is used for that source throughout a paper. The number follows the relevant section of the text.
2. **A numerically ordered reference list** at the end of the paper giving full details of each source cited in text. There is only one reference list entry for each individual work.

## Numbered citations

For all sources cited in the body of the paper, provide a reference number in parentheses (round brackets).

... and biomedical authorship continues to have important academic, social, and financial implications. (1) In the past, readers were rarely provided with information about contributions to studies from those listed as authors and in acknowledgments. (2) Some journals now request...

Note that numbers in square brackets and superscript numbers are also acceptable formats used in biomedical journals. It is important to be consistent in the style you adopt and you may need to consult your unit guide or academic staff in your unit to determine the preferred style.

Reference numbers are usually placed outside full stops and commas, but journals vary in their practice. Again, consult your unit guide or academic staff in your unit to determine the preferred style.

**The same number is used for a source throughout a paper.** This number is determined by the first citation of the source, e.g. if a work is the fourth source cited in a paper, it will be referred to as (4) throughout the paper.

When two or more sources are referred to at the same point in the text, the relevant numbers are separated by commas:

Recognition of the importance of symptom control has been growing. (4, 8, 21)

Three or more consecutive citations are joined by a hyphen:

Many studies have shown that 30 minutes of moderate physical activity per day is good for your wellbeing. (6-8)

You must reference **all** material you use from sources each time you use a fact, a conclusion, an idea or a finding from someone's work. It is necessary to cite a source each time you:

- summarise (explain or discuss someone's idea in your own words)
- paraphrase (closely re-word what someone has said)
- quote (reproduce an author's exact words).

No quotation marks are required if you are summarising or paraphrasing. Place direct quotes within double quote marks.

## Reference list

The reference list includes only the works cited in text. It appears at the end of the paper and provides the full bibliographic information of the sources cited. Only one reference list entry should be provided for each work cited. The reference list is ordered numerically.

If an article appears in both print and electronic form, it is important to cite the source type that you have read.

- Reference list entries are ordered numerically and reference numbers are followed by a full stop.
- Authors' family names are followed by their two-letter initials with no space or full stops between initials, e.g. Halpern SD, Ubel PA, Caplan AL.
- Commas are used to separate each author's name. Note that 'and' is not used to separate the last two names.
- Journal titles are abbreviated unless the title is a single word or very short.

### Sample reference list:

1. Halpern SD, Ubel PA, Caplan AL. Solid-organ transplantation in HIV-infected patients. *N Engl J Med*. 2002;347:284-7.
2. Rose ME, Huerbin MB, Melick J, Marion DW, Palmer AM, Schiding JK, et al. Regulation of interstitial excitatory amino acid concentrations after cortical contusion injury. *Brain Res*. 2002;935(1-2):40-6.
3. Diabetes Prevention Program Research Group. Hypertension, insulin, and proinsulin in participants with impaired glucose tolerance. *Hypertension*. 2002;40(5):679-86.
4. Murray PR, Rosenthal KS, Kobayashi GS, Pfaller MA. *Medical microbiology*. 4th ed. St. Louis: Mosby; 2002.
5. 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.
6. Tynan T. Medical improvements lower homicide rate: study sees drop in assault rate. *The Washington Post*. 2002 Aug 12;Sect. A:2 (col. 4).
7. Abood S. Quality improvement initiative in nursing homes: the ANA acts in an advisory role. *Am J Nurs* [Internet]. 2002 Jun [cited 2012 Aug 12];102(6):[about 1 p.]. Available from: <http://www.nursingworld.org/AJN/2002/june/Wawatch.htm>
8. Zhang M, Holman CD, Price SD, Sanfilippo FM, Preen DB, Bulsara MK. Comorbidity and repeat admission to hospital for adverse drug reactions in older adults: retrospective cohort study. *BMJ*. 2009 Jan 7; 338:a2752. doi: 10.1136/bmj.a2752. PubMed PMID: 19129307; PubMed Central PMCID: PMC2615549.
9. Cancer-Pain.org [Internet]. New York: Association of Cancer Online Resources, Inc.; c2000-01 [updated 2002 May 16; cited 2002 Jul 9]. Available from: <http://www.cancer-pain.org/>
10. O'Connor T. When your heart lets you down. *The Age*. [Internet] 2013 Dec 2 [cited 2014 Jan 22];Pulse:40. Available from: [http://docs.newsbank.com/s/InfoWeb/aggdocs/AUNB/14A6EB518A6E3E08/104B74501DCB01D3?p\\_multi=ASAB&s\\_lang=en-US](http://docs.newsbank.com/s/InfoWeb/aggdocs/AUNB/14A6EB518A6E3E08/104B74501DCB01D3?p_multi=ASAB&s_lang=en-US)

## Multiple citations

When citing two or more sources at the same point in the text, the relevant numbers are separated by commas:

Recognition of the importance of symptom control has been growing. (4, 8, 21)

Three or more consecutive citations are joined by a hyphen:

Many studies have shown that 30 minutes of moderate physical activity per day is good for your wellbeing. (6-8)

## Repeat citation

The same number is used for a source throughout a paper and only one entry in the reference list should be provided for each work cited. This number is determined by the first citation of the source, e.g. if a work is the fourth source cited in a paper, it will be referred to as (4) throughout the paper and in the reference list.

## Secondary source

When citing a source that you have not read directly but which has been quoted within a source that you have read, provide the name of the original author in text.

In this example, the student has read Rennie and Gunsalus, who cite Charrow, but the student has not directly read Charrow.

Charrow explains that... (18)

In the reference list provide details of the source you have read (e.g. Rennie and Gunsalus), as well as the author being cited (e.g. Charrow), using the phrase "cited in".

18. Charrow RP. PHS' Office of Scientific Integrity Review: housekeeping is in order. J NIH Res. 1991;3:103-6. Cited in Rennie D, Gunsalus CK. Scientific misconduct: new definition, procedures, and office - perhaps a new leaf. JAMA. 1993;269:915-7.

## Group author

For works that list an organisation, corporation or agency as the author, provide the name of the group in the author position.

Diabetes Prevention Program Research Group. Hypertension, insulin, and proinsulin in participants with impaired glucose tolerance. Hypertension. 2002;40(5):679-86.

Advanced Life Support Group. Acute medical emergencies: the practical approach. London: BMJ Books; 2001.

## No author

If a person or organisation cannot be identified as the author but there are editors, revisers or translators named in the publication, begin the reference with the names of the editors/revisers/translators followed by their role.

Gilstrap LC, Cunningham FG, VanDorsten JP, editors. Operative obstetrics. 2nd ed. New York: McGraw-Hill; 2002.

If no author, authoring organisation, editor, reviser or translator is given, begin the reference with the title of the book.

21st century heart solution may have a sting in the tail. BMJ. 2002;325(7357):184.

Cancer-Pain.org [Internet]. New York: Association of Cancer Online Resources, Inc.; c2000-01 [updated 2002 May 16; cited 2002 Jul 9]. Available from: <http://www.cancer-pain.org/>

## No date

If no date is provided, enter [date unknown] in place of the date.

If no date is provided, but can be reliably estimated, place the estimated year with a question mark in square brackets.

## No page numbers

If no page numbers are provided, which is often the case with online sources, you may provide the total number of paragraphs, or estimated number of printed pages or screens. Provide in square brackets before the URL, e.g. [3 paragraphs], [about 3p.], [about 4 screens].

### ***Number of paragraphs (webpage)***

Complementary/Integrative Medicine [Internet]. Houston: University of Texas, M. D. Anderson Cancer Center; c2007. Energy therapies; [cited 2007 Feb 21]; [3 paragraphs]. Available from: <http://www.mdanderson.org/departments/cimer/dlIndex.cfm?pn=7B632E4A-56B2-11D5-812100508B603A14>

### ***Estimated number of printed pages (online newspaper article)***

Carey B. Psychiatrists revise the book of human troubles. New York Times [Internet]. 2008 Dec 17 [cited 2008 Dec 19];Health:[about 3 p.]. Available from: [http://www.nytimes.com/2008/12/18/health/18psych.html?\\_r=1&em](http://www.nytimes.com/2008/12/18/health/18psych.html?_r=1&em)

### **Estimated number of screens (online newspaper article)**

Grady D. Jump in doctor visits and deaths in flu season. New York Times [Internet]. 2008 Apr 18 [cited 2008 Dec 19];Research:[about 4 screens]. Available from: <http://www.nytimes.com/2008/04/18/health/research/18flu.html?scp=7&sq=flu%20season&st=cse>

## Books

### Overview

#### Authors

- For one to six authors, list all authors.
- If there are more than six authors, list the first six authors followed by "et al."
- Authors' family names are followed by their two-letter initials with no space or full stops between initials, e.g. Halpern SD, Ubel PA, Caplan AL.
- Commas are used to separate each author's name. Note that "and" is not used to separate the last two names.
- If there are no author names provided, but an editor/reviser/translator's name is provided, begin the entry with the name of the editor/reviser/translator followed by their role, e.g. Court FG, editor.
- If relevant, in addition to authors, place the names of editors, revisers, translators or illustrators after the title of the book, followed by their role.

#### Titles

- Titles of books and book chapters should use minimal capitalisation, that is, only the first word is capitalised except for words that would normally be capitalised, such as proper nouns, acronyms and initialisms.

#### Editions

- Include the edition number after the book title for all editions except the first edition.

**Author, Initials. Title of book. edition. Place of publication: Publisher; year.**

Fritz MA, Speroff L. Clinical gynecologic endocrinology and infertility. 7th ed. Philadelphia: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins; c2005.

#### Other publication details

- A relatively unknown city/place of publication is followed by an abbreviation of the state or country in parentheses, e.g. White Plains (NY).
- Provide the year of publication, e.g. 2005. If the year of publication cannot be found, use the year of copyright with "c" as a prefix, e.g. c2005.

- For e-books, provide the medium as [Internet], the date cited, and the URL or DOI. Do not add an additional full stop after the URL or DOI.

## Whole book

**Author Initials, Author Initials. Title of book. edition number. Place of publication: Publisher; year.**

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

**Author Initials, Author Initials, ... Author Initials, et al. Title of book. edition number. Place of publication: Publisher; year.**

Wenger NK, Sivarajan Froelicher E, Smith LK, Ades PA, Berra K, Blumenthal JA, et al. Cardiac rehabilitation. Rockville (MD): Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (US); 1995.

## e-book

When citing an e-book, include the details as for a print book and in addition provide:

- date last updated
- date cited
- URL or DOI, if available.

**Author Initials. Title of book [Internet]. edition number. Place of publication: Publisher; year [updated year month day; cited year month day]. Available from: URL or DOI**

Higgins JP, Green S, editors. Cochrane handbook for systematic reviews of interventions [Internet]. Version 5.1.0. London: The Cochrane Collaboration; 2011 [updated 2011 Mar; cited 2014 Feb 03]. Available from: <http://handbook.cochrane.org/>

Schiraldi GR. Post-traumatic stress disorder sourcebook: a guide to healing, recovery, and growth [Internet]. New York: McGraw-Hill; 2000 [cited 2006 Nov 6]. Available from: <http://books.mcgraw-hill.com/getbook.php?isbn=0071393722&template=#toc> DOI: 10.1036/0737302658

## Chapter

If citing a chapter from a book with collected chapters by different authors, see the topic **Edited collection**.

When citing a chapter in a book with a single author or single set of authors:

- provide the chapter number, title and page range at the end of the citation
- do not repeat digits unnecessarily in the page range, e.g. 124–7 **not** 124–127
- place a "p." before the page range of the chapter (Note that the "p." is **not** used for page numbers of periodicals).



**Author Initials. Title of book. edition number. Place of publication: Publisher; year. Chapter number, Chapter title; page range.**

Marc AF, Speroff L. Clinical gynecologic endocrinology and infertility. 7th ed. Philadelphia: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins; c2005. Chapter 29, Endometriosis; p. 1103-33.

When citing a chapter in an e-book, add:

- medium as [Internet]
- date last updated
- date cited
- URL or DOI, if available.

**Author. Title of book [Internet]. edition number. Place of publication: Publisher; year. Chapter number, Chapter title; [updated year month day; cited year month day]; page range. Available from: URL DOI**

National Academy of Sciences (US), Institute of Medicine, Board on Health Sciences Policy, Committee on Clinical Trial Registries. Developing a national registry of pharmacologic and biologic clinical trials: workshop report [Internet]. Washington: National Academies Press (US); 2006. Chapter 5, Implementation issues; [cited 2013 Nov 3]; p. 35-42. Available from: <http://newton.nap.edu/books/030910078X/html/35.html>

## Edited collection

For a chapter in an edited book (a book with chapters written by different authors), provide the details as for a book source and in addition:

- place the title of the chapter after the author(s), followed by the word 'In' and a colon, then the editor's name and then the book title
- do not repeat digits unnecessarily in the page range, e.g. 124–7 **not** 124–127
- place a "p." before the page range of the chapter. (Note that the "p." is **not** used for page numbers of periodicals).

**Author Initials. Title of chapter. In: Editor Initials, editor. Title of book. edition number. Place of publication: Publisher; year. page range.**

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.

When citing a chapter in an edited e-book, add:

- medium as [Internet]
- date last updated
- date cited
- URL and DOI, if available.

**Author Initials. Title of chapter. In: Editor Initials, editor. Title of book [Internet]. edition number. Place of publication: Publisher; year. [updated year month day; cited year month day]; page range. Available from: URL DOI**

Halpen-Felsher BL, Morrell HE. Preventing and reducing tobacco use. In: Berlan ED, Bravender T, editors. Adolescent medicine today: a guide to caring for the adolescent patient [Internet]. Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co.; 2012. [cited 2012 Nov 3]; p. 307-18. Available from: [http://www.worldscientific.com/doi/pdf/10.1142/9789814324496\\_0018](http://www.worldscientific.com/doi/pdf/10.1142/9789814324496_0018)

## Dictionary or encyclopedia

**Author Initials. Title of dictionary/encyclopedia. edition. Place of publication: Publisher; year. Title of entry; page range.**

Turkington C, Tzeel A. The encyclopedia of children's health and wellness. New York: Facts on File, Inc.; c2004. Papilloma virus, human (HPV); p. 381-3.

If a dictionary or encyclopedia entry has no named author, begin the reference with the title of the publication.

**Title of dictionary/encyclopedia. edition. Place of publication: Publisher; year. Title of entry; page range.**

Dorland's illustrated medical dictionary. 30th ed. Philadelphia: Saunders; c2003. Encephalomalacia; p. 609.

For online dictionaries or encyclopedias, also include:

- medium as [Internet]
- date last updated
- date cited
- estimated length of entry if not paginated
- URL.

**Title of dictionary/encyclopedia [Internet]. Place of publication: Publisher; year. Title of entry; [updated/reviewed year month day; cited year month day]; [estimated length]. Available from: URL**

MedlinePlus [Internet]. Bethesda (MD): National Library of Medicine (US); c1997-2014. Diabetes type 1; [updated 2014 Jan 10; reviewed 2013 Oct 18; cited 2014 Jan 29]; [about 1 screen]. Available from: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/diabetestype1.html>

# Journal articles

## Overview

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- Commas are used to separate each author's name. Note that 'and' is not used to separate the last two names.

### Titles

- Titles of journal articles should use minimal capitalisation, that is, only the first word is capitalised except for words that would normally be capitalised such as proper nouns, acronyms and initialisms.
- Journal titles are usually abbreviated unless they consist of a single word or are very short. There are conventions on how specific titles are abbreviated. See links below for more information.
  - [Citing medicine: Appendix A: abbreviations for commonly used English words in journal titles](#)
  - [Journal title abbreviations \(Caltech Library\)](#)
  - [CAS Source Index \(CASSI\) search tool](#)

### Other publication details

- Months are abbreviated to the first three letters.
- There are no spaces between the date, volume, issue and page numbers. The date is followed by a semicolon, the volume number, the issue number in brackets, a colon and the page range.
- When providing the page range, do not repeat unnecessary numbers unless followed by a letter, e.g. 284-7 not 284-287, but 331A-333A is correct.
- For online articles provide URL and DOI, if available. Do not add a full stop after a URL or DOI.

If a **database's unique identifier** is provided, it can be added at the end of the reference list entry.

Halpern SD, Ubel PA, Caplan AL. Solid organ transplantation in HIV infected patients. N Engl J Med. 2002 Jul 25;347(4):284-7. PubMed PMID: 12140307.

## Article

Provide all relevant elements according to the format you have read, e.g. online, print, via a database.

**Author Initials, Author Initials. Title of article. Abbreviated title of journal. year month day;volume(issue):page range.**

Halpern SD, Ubel PA, Caplan AL. Solid-organ transplantation in HIV-infected patients. *N Engl J Med*. 2002 Jul 25;347(4):284-7.

- Provide the DOI where available.
- If the article has been accessed online but no DOI is available, provide the date cited and the URL.
- A database identifier such as a PubMed identifier may be provided instead of a DOI or URL.

**Author Initials. Title of article. Title of Journal. year;volume(issue):page range. DOI**

Abel SL, Whitehead LC, Tipene-Leach DC, Coppell KJ. Proximal and distal influences on dietary change among a diverse group with prediabetes participating in a pragmatic, primary care nurse-led intervention: a qualitative study. *Public health nutrition*. 2021;24(18):6015-6026. doi:10.1017/S1368980021001968

**Author Initials. Title of article. Abbreviated title of journal. year month [cited year month day];volume(issue):page range. Available from: URL**

Bertino E, Milani S, Fabris C, De Curtis M. Neonatal anthropometric charts: what they are, what they are not. *Arch Dis Child (Fetal Neonatal Ed)*. 2007 Jan [cited 2007 Jan 9];92(1):F7-10. Available from: <http://fn.bmj.com/cgi/content/full/92/1/F7>

**Author Initials. Title of article. Abbreviated title of journal. year month day;volume(issue):page range. PubMed identifier**

Halpern SD, Ubel PA, Caplan AL. Solid organ transplantation in HIV infected patients. *N Engl J Med*. 2002 Jul 25;347(4):284-7. PubMed PMID: 12140307.

## Forthcoming

"Forthcoming" journal articles refer to articles that have been accepted for publication but are not yet published. (Previously the term "in press" was used.)

Include the date, volume and issue number of journal, if known.

Ilja Boor PK, Groot KD, Mejaski-Bosnjak V, Brenner C, van der Knaap MS, Scheper GC, et al. Megalencephalic leukoencephalopathy with subcortical cysts: an update and extended mutation analysis of MLC1. *Hum Mutat*. Forthcoming 2006.

# Web sources

## Website

For websites provide:

- author, if available
- medium as [Internet]
- name of the website
- publisher and place of publication, if known
- copyright date
- date last updated/revised
- date cited
- URL. No additional full stop after URL.

## Website with author

**Author Initials. Title of website [Internet]. Place of publication: Publisher; date of copyright [revised/updated year month day; cited year month day]. Available from: URL**

D'Alessandro DM, D'Alessandro MP. Virtual Pediatric Hospital™: a digital library of pediatric information [Internet]. [Iowa City (IA)]: Donna M. D'Alessandro; c1992-2007 [revised 2006 Jul 20; cited 2007 Feb 20]. Available from: <http://www.virtualpediatrichospital.org/>

Huckstep RL, Sherry E. WorldOrtho [Internet]. [place unknown: publisher unknown]; c1997 [updated 2007 Mar 23; cited 2007 Mar 23]. Available from: <http://www.worldortho.com/>

## Website with no identified author

**Title of website [Internet]. Place of publication: Publisher; date of copyright [revised/updated year month day; cited year month day]. Available from: URL**

Mesothelioma.com: the web's most trusted source on mesothelioma [Internet]. New York: Early, Ludwick, Sweeney & Strauss; c2005 [cited 2007 Feb 21]. Available from: <http://www.mesothelioma.com/>

## Webpage

For web pages, provide the:

- author, if available
- medium as [Internet]
- name of the website and web page
- publisher and place of publication, if known
- copyright date
- date last updated/revised, if known
- date cited
- URL (note: no additional full stop after URL).

### Webpage with author

**Author Initials. Title of website [Internet]. Place of publication: Publisher; date of copyright. Title of webpage. year month day of webpage [revised/updated year month day; cited year month day]; [estimated length]. Available from: URL**

Rollins A. Australian Medical Association [Internet]. Canberra: AMA; c1995-2012. Give Indigenous kids a better start in life: AMA. 2013 Feb 17 [cited 2014 Jan 17]; [about 3 screens]. Available from: <https://ama.com.au/ausmed/give-indigenous-kids-better-start-life-ama>

### Webpage with no identified author

**Title of website [Internet]. Place of publication: Publisher; date of copyright. Title of webpage. year month day of webpage [revised/updated year month day; cited year month day]; [estimated length]. Available from: URL**

AMA: helping doctors help patients [Internet]. Chicago: American Medical Association; c1995-2007. AMA launches exclusive partnership with the ReachMD Channel for medical professionals; 2007 Mar 26 [cited 2007 Mar 28]; [about 2 screens]. Available from: <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/17469.html>

## Blog

For a blog or blog post provide:

- author of the post and/or blog
- medium as [Internet]
- title of the post and the blog
- publisher and place of publication, if known
- date the blog began
- date of the last revision/update
- date the material was cited
- URL. No full additional full stop after URL.

For blog posts where the author is also the owner of the blog, provide the author of the post.

**Author Initials. Title of blog [Internet]. Place of publication: Publisher. first year of blog - . Title of post; year month day of post [cited year month day]; [estimated length]. Available from: URL**

Smith SW. Dr. Smith's ECG blog [Internet]. Minneapolis: Dr Stephen W Smith. 2008 - . Hyperacute T-waves? Anterior STEMI? No, LVH with PseudoSTEMI pattern!; 2013 December 31 [cited 2014 Jan 9]; [about 2 screens]. Available from: <http://hqmeded-ecg.blogspot.com.au/>

Where the blog post is written by a contributor other than the blog owner, provide the author of the post and the owner/editor of the blog. In some cases this may be the same as the publisher.

**Author Initials of post. Title of post. year month day of post [cited year month day]. In: Author or Editor of blog. Title of blog [Internet]. Place of publication: Publisher. first year of blog - [estimated length]. Available from: URL**

Harwood A. Tourists enter the medical mix. 2011 June 7 [cited 2012 Aug 1]. In: Rural Health Workforce. Rural health – a life changing difference [Internet]. Melbourne: Rural Health Workforce. 2012 - [about 2 screens]. Available from: <http://ruralchampions.govspace.gov.au/2011/06/07/tourists-enter-the-medical-mix/>

## Podcast

For podcasts, provide:

- author, if known
- title of the individual podcast or video
- medium as [podcast on the Internet]
- place of production and the producer
- full date of production or date of copyright
- date cited
- URL. No additional full stop after URL.

**Author Initials. Title of podcast or video [podcast on the Internet]. Place of production: Producer; year month day [cited year month day]. Available from: URL**

Improving patients' care in hospitals [podcast on the Internet]. Sydney: ABC Radio National; 2013 Dec 30 [cited 2014 Jan 31]. Available from: <http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/healthreport/30-december-2013/5139908>

## Video

For a video published online, provide:

- author, if known
- title of the video
- medium as [video on the Internet]
- place of production and the producer
- full date of production or date of copyright
- date cited
- URL (note: no additional full stop after URL).

**Author Initials. Title of video [video on the Internet]. Place of production: Producer; year month day [cited year month day]. Available from: URL**

Ryner J. Risking our kids [video on the Internet]. Sydney: Film Finance Corporation of Australia; c2008; [cited 2014 Feb 01]. Available from: <http://edutv.informit.com.au/watch-screen.php?videoID=568045>

## Government, legal sources

### Government overview

Cite according to the source type and also provide:

- the name of the author or if not identified the name of all relevant authoring agencies/departments and the jurisdiction, if not evident from other publication details
- titles should appear as they occur in the publication and capital letters in all titles are maintained.

Department of Health and Ageing. National Children's Nutrition and Physical Activity User Guide. Canberra: AGPS; 2008.

Department of Health and Ageing, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Australian Food and Grocery Council. Department of Health [Internet]. Canberra: Commonwealth of Australia; c2008. 2007 Australian National Children's Nutrition and Physical Activity Survey - Main Findings. [cited 2014 Feb 3]; 58p. Available from: [https://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/8F4516D5FAC0700ACA257BF0001E0109/\\$File/childrens-nut-phys-survey.pdf](https://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/8F4516D5FAC0700ACA257BF0001E0109/$File/childrens-nut-phys-survey.pdf)

### ABS

For Australian Bureau of Statistics releases accessed online, cite as you would other webpages, with the addition of the ABS catalogue number.

**Australian Bureau of Statistics [Internet]. Canberra: ABS; year. Title of release. Catalogue number. [updated year month day; cited year month day]. Available: URL**

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**Title of Act year (Jurisdiction) section number**  
*Health Records Act 2001 (Vic) s. 25*

Case (law report series organised by year):

**Title of Case (year) Volume number Abbreviation of report series First page of case**  
*Psalidis v Norwich Union Life Australia Ltd (2009) 29 VR 123*

Case (law report series organised by volume):

**Title of Case [year] Volume number Abbreviation of report series First page of case**  
*Beattie v Ball [1999] 3 VR 1*

Case (unreported judgement):

**Title of case [year] Court abbreviation Judgement number (day month year) [paragraph]**  
*Royall v Croydon Hospital Pty Ltd [2013] VSC 453 (26 Aug 2013) [27]*

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Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. Cancer in Australia: an overview 2012 [Internet]. 2012 [cited 2013 Apr 23]; Cancer series no. 74. Cat. No. CAN 70. Canberra: AIHW. Available from: <http://www.aihw.gov.au/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=60129542353>

# Other sources

## Artificial intelligence

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Where you have used generative AI in developing your assessment (for example, in the development of ideas, problem solving, data analysis, significant writing feedback) you should acknowledge your use of it.

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(ChatGPT, OpenAI, February 11, 2023. Prompt: “Correlation between idiopathic juvenile arthritis and coeliac disease and other auto-immune diseases”. See Appendix A.)

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Horrobin DF, Lampinskas P. The commercial development of food plants used as medicines. In: Prendergast HD, Etkin NL, Harris DR, Houghton PJ, editors. Plants for food and medicine. Proceedings of the Joint Conference of the Society for Economic Botany and the International Society for Ethnopharmacology; 1996 Jul 1-6; London. Kew (UK): Royal Botanic Gardens; 1998. p. 75-81.

Conference proceedings published online:

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Goldschmidt L. Telehealth strategies and information technology transform patient care within the US Department of Veteran Affairs. In: He J, Liu X, Krupinski EA, Xu G, editors. Health Information Science [Internet]. Proceedings of the First International Conference, HIS 2012; 2012 April 8-10; Beijing. Heidelberg: Springer; [cited 2014 Jan 31]. 198 p. Available from: DOI: 10.1007/978-3-642-29361-0

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Bernhardt A, Weiss C, Breuer J, Kumpf M, Sieverding L. The clinical relevance of an elevated lactate level after surgery for congenital heart disease. Paper presented at: Myocardial cell damage and myocardial protection. 3rd International Symposium on the Pathophysiology of Cardiopulmonary Bypass; 2000 Dec 16; Aachen, Germany.

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Anderson, SC, Poulsen, KB. Anderson's electronic atlas of hematology [CD-ROM]. 2nd version. Philadelphia: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins; c2002.

John Sabella & Associates Incorporated. Onboard first aid: immediate actions [DVD]. South Tom's River (NJ): Shipboard Video Express; c2005.

Heizer WD, Semrad CE, Sweeting JG. Clinical nutrition I [slides]. Bethesda (MD): American Gastroenterological Association; c2000.

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House MG, Choti MA. Palliative therapy for pancreatic/biliary cancer. *Surg Clin N Am*. 2005 Apr;85(2):359-71. Appendix 1, Principles guiding care at the end of life; p. 389-90.

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Collins SR, Kriss JL, Davis K, Doty MM, Holmgren AL. Squeezed: why rising exposure to health care costs threatens the health and financial well-being of American families [Internet]. New York: Commonwealth Fund; 2006 Sep. Figure ES-1, Individual market is not an affordable option for many people; [cited 2006 Nov 15]; p. viii. Available from: [http://www.cmwf.org/usr\\_doc/Collins\\_squeezedrisinghlthcarecosts\\_953.pdf](http://www.cmwf.org/usr_doc/Collins_squeezedrisinghlthcarecosts_953.pdf)

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Tynan T. Medical improvements lower homicide rate: study sees drop in assault rate. *The Washington Post*. 2002 Aug 12;Sect. A:2 (col. 4).

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O'Connor T. When your heart lets you down. The Age. [Internet] 2013 Dec 2 [cited 2014 Jan 22];Pulse:40. Available from: [http://docs.newsbank.com/s/InfoWeb/aggdocs/AUNB/14A6EB518A6E3E08/104B74501DCB01D3?p\\_multi=ASAB&s\\_lang=en-US](http://docs.newsbank.com/s/InfoWeb/aggdocs/AUNB/14A6EB518A6E3E08/104B74501DCB01D3?p_multi=ASAB&s_lang=en-US)

Carey B. Psychiatrists revise the book of human troubles. New York Times [Internet]. 2008 Dec 17 [cited 2013 Dec 19];Health:[about 3 p.]. Available from: [http://www.nytimes.com/2008/12/18/health/18psych.html?\\_r=1&em](http://www.nytimes.com/2008/12/18/health/18psych.html?_r=1&em)

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Dr A Smith (email, 8 January 2014) indicated ...

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Cohen E. Patient participation in symptom management in an acute oncology setting [PhD thesis]. Geelong: Deakin University; 2012. Available from: <http://dro.deakin.edu.au/view/DU:30048429>