

UNDERSTANDING THE PARTS OF A CITATION

Locating publications requires understanding what the parts of a citation mean. This can sometimes be confusing because there are a variety of ways to arrange the information in a citation.

Journal Articles

Below is the same article citation in two different styles found in Ovid. Notice that the punctuation and placement of the date vary between the styles.

- **American Medical Association (AMA) style:**

Authors → Pepe PE, Lurie KG, Wigginton JG, Raedler C, Idris AH. Detrimental hemodynamic effects of assisted ventilation in hemorrhagic states. Crit Care Med. 2004;32(9 Suppl):S414-20.

Labels: Article Title (points to 'Detrimental hemodynamic effects...'), Journal Title (points to 'Crit Care Med.'), Year (points to '2004'), Volume, Issue, Pages (points to '32(9 Suppl):S414-20').
- **American Psychological Association (APA) style:**

Pepe PE, Lurie KG, Wigginton JG, Raedler C & Idris AH. (2004). Detrimental hemodynamic effects of assisted ventilation in hemorrhagic states. Critical Care Medicine, 32(9 Suppl), S414-20.

Label: Year (points to '(2004)').

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Chapters in Books

Citations to chapters in books look different from article citations. Books usually do not have volume numbers, and they never have issue numbers. Look for editor, edition, publisher, and place information to differentiate book citations from article citations. Below is an example of a book chapter in AMA format.

- **American Medical Association (AMA) style:**

Fowler RL, Pepe PE, Stevens JT. Shock evaluation and management. In: Campbell JE, ed. International Trauma Life Support. 6th ed. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Brady/Prentice-Hall Health; 2008: 118-135.

Labels: Chapter Pages (points to '118-135'), Book Title & Edition (points to 'International Trauma Life Support. 6th ed.'), Place of Publication & Publisher (points to 'Upper Saddle River, NJ: Brady/Prentice-Hall Health'), Chapter Title (points to 'Shock evaluation and management.'), Editor (points to 'In: Campbell JE, ed.').

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