

# UNDERSTANDING THE PARTS OF A CITATION

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## 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. **Article Title** Detrimental hemodynamic effects of assisted ventilation in hemorrhagic states. **Journal Title** Crit Care Med. **Year** 2004;32(9 Suppl):S414-20.  
**Volume, Issue, Pages**
- **American Psychological Association (APA) style:**  
Pepe PE, Lurie KG, Wigginton JG, Raedler C & Idris AH. **Year** (2004). Detrimental hemodynamic effects of assisted ventilation in hemorrhagic states. **Journal Title** Critical Care Medicine, 32(9 Suppl), S414-20.

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- Fowler RL, Pepe PE, Stevens JT. **Chapter Title** Shock evaluation and management. **Editor** In: Campbell JE, ed. **Book Title & Edition** International Trauma Life Support. 6<sup>th</sup> ed. **Place of Publication & Publisher** Upper Saddle River, NJ: Brady/Prentice-Hall Health; **Chapter Pages** 2008: 118-135.

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