

Website References Quiz by Laura King, MA, ELS

Directions: Edit the following references based on the information outlined in section 3.15 of the *AMA Manual of Style*. Access the URLs to determine the type of material that is being cited. According to the *AMA Manual of Style*, “In citing data from a website, include the following elements, if available, in the order shown: Author(s), if given (often, no authors are given). Title of the specific item cited (if none is given, use the name of the organization responsible for the site). Name of the website. URL [provide URL and verify that the link still works as close as possible to publication]. Published [date]. Updated [date]. Accessed [date].” However, it is often difficult to discern authors from publishers and books or reports from journal-type articles. Below are some examples of references for web material with suggestions of how to cite them, extrapolating from the information in the *AMA Manual of Style*.

1. Guidelines for the use of antiretroviral agents in HIV-1-infected adults and adolescents. Panel on Antiretroviral Guidelines for Adults and Adolescents, Department of Health and Human Services. <http://aidsinfo.nih.gov/contentfiles/lvguidelines/adultandadolescentgl.pdf>. Accessed October 30, 2014.

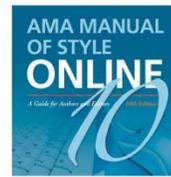
ANSWER:

Panel on Antiretroviral Guidelines for Adults and Adolescents. *Guidelines for the Use of Antiretroviral Agents in HIV-1-Infected Adults and Adolescents*. Washington, DC: US Dept of Health and Human Services. <http://aidsinfo.nih.gov/contentfiles/lvguidelines/adultandadolescentgl.pdf>. Accessed October 30, 2014.

Editor’s Note: Often government reports provide a suggested citation format. In this case, the suggested citation (as indicated on the bottom of the title page of the report) is as follows: Panel on Antiretroviral Guidelines for Adults and Adolescents. *Guidelines for the use of antiretroviral agents in HIV-1-infected adults and adolescents*. Department of Health and Human Services. Available at <http://aidsinfo.nih.gov/ContentFiles/AdultandAdolescentGL.pdf>. Section accessed [insert date] [insert page number, table number, etc, if applicable].

This style is close to AMA style and can be adapted to it by removing “Available at” and adding “US” before “Department of Health and Human Services.” In addition, one of the questions that arises with web publications is whether to style a title as a book title (initial capital letters and italicized type) or journal title (only the first word of the title capitalized and roman type). According to the AMA Manual of Style (§3.15.5), government/organization reports “are treated much like electronic journal and book references: use journal style for articles and book style for monographs.” In this case, the manuscript is a 282-page PDF document, so it is appropriate to style the title as a book title. Because the manuscript contains no publication date, this information cannot be included in the reference.





2. Guide for HIV/AIDS clinical care. <http://hab.hrsa.gov/deliverhivaidscares/2014guide.pdf>. Health Resources and Services Administration, US Department of Health and Human Services. Published April 2014. Accessed October 30, 2014. Edited by Susa Coffey, MD.

ANSWER:

Coffey S, ed; Health Resources and Services Administration, US Department of Health and Human Services. *Guide for HIV/AIDS Clinical Care*. Rockville, MD: US Dept of Health and Human Services; 2014. <http://hab.hrsa.gov/deliverhivaidscares/2014guide.pdf>. Accessed October 30, 2014. **Editor's Note:** *Often government reports provide a suggested citation format. In this case, the suggested citation (as indicated on p ii of the report) is as follows: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Guide for HIV/AIDS Clinical Care – 2014 Edition. Rockville, MD: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2014.*

This is most similar to how the AMA styles book titles, so styling as a book title is appropriate for this reference. The challenging issue is what to place in the author position. The suggested citation uses "US Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration" as the author; however, the actual report also lists Susa Coffey as an editor, with numerous contributing authors. In this case, both "Coffey S, ed" and "US Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration" can be listed in the author position (separated by a semicolon), although this is not necessary.

3. Adult Meducation: Improving medication adherence in older adults. American Society on Aging and American Society of Consultant Pharmacists Foundation. http://www.adultmeducation.com/downloads/Adult_Meducation.pdf. Accessed October 30, 2014.

ANSWER:

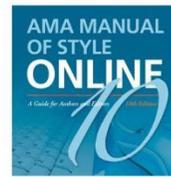
Adult meducation: improving medication adherence in older adults. American Society on Aging and American Society of Consultant Pharmacists Foundation website. http://www.adultmeducation.com/downloads/Adult_Meducation.pdf. Accessed October 30, 2014. **Editor's Note:** *Although this report is a PDF file, there is no publication information (eg, publisher and year of publication) available; therefore, styling as a website is appropriate.*

4. GraphPad Software. Data Analysis Resource Center. <http://graphpad.com/quickcalcs/contingency1.cfm>. Accessed October 8, 2014.

ANSWER:

QuikCalcs: analyze a 2x2 contingency table. GraphPad Software website. <http://graphpad.com/quickcalcs/contingency1.cfm>. Accessed October 8, 2014. **Editor's Note:** *The URL <http://graphpad.com/quickcalcs/contingency1.cfm> links to a GraphPad Software website with the title QuikCalcs, not Data Analysis Resource Center (although this is a tab on the page). Therefore, place QuikCalcs in the title position and GraphPad Software in the name of the website position. The word website can be added after GraphPad Software for clarity but is not a requirement.*





5. David J R Hutchon BSc, MB, ChB, FRCOG. <http://www.hutchon.net/ConfidOR.htm>. Calculator for confidence intervals of odds ratio in an unmatched case control study. Accessed October 8, 2014.

ANSWER:

Hutchon DJR. Calculator for confidence intervals of odds ratio in an unmatched case control study. <http://www.hutchon.net/ConfidOR.htm>. Accessed October 8, 2014.

Editor's Note: *The website lists David J R Hutchon BSc, MB, ChB, FRCOG, as the author; therefore, Hutchon DJR can be placed in the author position. The title of the specific item (Calculator for confidence intervals of odds ratio in an unmatched case control study) should appear before the URL.*

6. Institute of Medicine. Dying in America: Improving Quality and Honoring Individual Preferences Near the End of Life. http://www.nap.edu/openbook.php?record_id=18748. Published September 2014. Accessed September 26, 2014.

ANSWER:

Committee on Approaching Death: Addressing Key End-of-Life Issues, Institute of Medicine of the National Academies. *Dying in America: Improving Quality and Honoring Individual Preferences Near the End of Life*. Washington, DC: National Academies Press; 2014.

http://www.nap.edu/openbook.php?record_id=18748. Accessed September 26, 2014.

Editor's Note: *The basic format for an Internet-based book is as follows: Author(s). Chapter title. In: Editor(s). Book Title. [Edition number, if it is the second edition or above; mention of first edition is not necessary] ed. City, State (or country) of publisher: Publisher's name; copyright year: inclusive pages. URL: [provide URL and verify that the link still works as close as possible to the time of publication]. Accessed [date]. Looking at the reference online, this material is a book and should be styled as such.*

7. UNOS. MELD/PELD Calculator Documentation.

http://www.unos.org/docs/MELD_PELD_Calculator_Documentation.pdf.2009. Accessed January 1, 2009.

ANSWER:

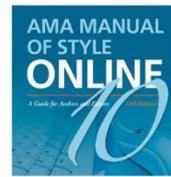
MELD/PELD calculator documentation. United Network for Organ Sharing website.

http://www.unos.org/docs/MELD_PELD_Calculator_Documentation.pdf. Accessed January 1, 2009.

Editor's Note: *The URL*

http://www.unos.org/docs/MELD_PELD_Calculator_Documentation.pdf.2009 generates an error message. If ".2009" is removed from the URL, a PDF downloads. From that PDF, a working citation can be created as styled above.





8. <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/symptoms/index.html>.

ANSWER:

Ebola (Ebola Virus Disease). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website.

<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/symptoms/index.html>. [Author: Please provide the date you accessed this website.]

Editor's Note: Sometimes authors provide only the URL. In this case, other identifying information, such as the title of the page and the name of the website, can be determined from accessing the URL. The author should be queried for the accessed date.

9. CDPH broadens recommendations for vaccinating against pertussis: immunization key to controlling whooping cough. <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Pages/PH10-048.aspx>. Accessed December 2, 2013.

ANSWER:

CDPH broadens recommendations for vaccinating against pertussis: immunization key to controlling whooping cough. California Department of Public Health. <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Pages/PH10-048.aspx>. Published July 19, 2010. Accessed December 2, 2013.

Editor's Note: Sometimes accessing the website can reveal additional information that might be useful to add to the reference. In this case, the name of the website (California Department of Public Health) and the published date (July 19, 2010) are apparent when the website is accessed.

10. Society of General Internal Medicine. Choosing Wisely. <http://www.choosingwisely.org/doctor-patient-lists/society-of-general-internal-medicine>. Accessed March 15, 2014.

ANSWER:

Society of General Internal Medicine. Five things physicians and patients should question. Choosing Wisely website. <http://www.choosingwisely.org/doctor-patient-lists/society-of-general-internal-medicine>. Published September 12, 2013. Accessed March 15, 2014.

Editor's Note: Society of General Internal Medicine should appear in the author position. The complete title of the specific item should be given (*Five things physicians and patients should question*). Choosing Wisely is the name of the website and should appear after the title in roman type. Accessing the website reveals that the material was published on September 12, 2013.

