

## Geographic Abbreviations Quiz

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### ANSWER KEY

**Directions:** Edit the following examples based on your understanding of sections §13.4, Local Addresses and §13.5, Cities, States, Counties, Territories, Possessions, Provinces, Countries of the *AMA Manual of Style*.

1. The study protocol was reviewed and approved by the Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects of St Louis University Hospital in Paris, France.

**ANSWER: The study protocol was reviewed and approved by the Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects of Saint Louis University Hospital in Paris, France.**

**Editor's Note:** In some cases, such as Saint Louis University, geographic designators are not abbreviated by convention (§13.4, Local Addresses). Always check institution names on official websites.

2. Reprint requests should be addressed to Margaret Smith, MD, MPH, 515 North State Street, Room 22202, Chicago, IL 60654.

**ANSWER: Reprint requests should be addressed to Margaret Smith, MD, MPH, 515 N State St, Room 22202, Chicago, IL 60654.**

**Editor's Note:** When complete local addresses are given, compass directions (in this example, N for North) and street designators (in this example, St for Street) should be abbreviated. Room is never abbreviated (§13.4, Local Addresses).

3. Stefan D. Anker, MD, PhD, is with the Division of Applied Cachexia Research, Department of Cardiology, Charité Campus Virchow-Klinikum, Augustenburger Platz 1, D-13353 Berlin, Germany.

**ANSWER: Stefan D. Anker, MD, PhD, is with the Division of Applied Cachexia Research, Department of Cardiology, Charité Campus Virchow-Klinikum, Augustenburger Platz 1, D-13353 Berlin, Germany.**

**Editor's Note:** This example is correct as is. Do not abbreviate non-English address terms (eg, boulevard, avenue, place, rue, via, Strasse, Platz) (§13.4, Local Addresses).

4. A new medical center was commissioned for a site located at the corner of Main and First Sts.

**ANSWER: A new medical center was commissioned for a site located at the corner of Main and First streets.**

**Editor's Note:** When the plural form of an address designator is used, do not abbreviate it (ie, Main and First streets) (§13.4, Local Addresses).

5. The National Hospital of India is located at Mavoor Rd, Calicut, Kerala, India.

**ANSWER: The National Hospital of India is located at Mavoor Road, Calicut, Kerala, India.**

**Editor's Note:** When a street number is not given, do not abbreviate (eg, National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, Queen Square, London WC1N 3BG, England) (§13.4, Local Addresses).

6. Correspondence can be addressed to Michael J. Domanski, MD, Department of Medicine, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, 1 Gustave L. Levy Pl, New York, NY 10029.

**ANSWER: Correspondence can be addressed to Michael J. Domanski, MD, Department of Medicine, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, One Gustave L. Levy Place, New York, NY 10029.**

**Editor's Note:** “One IBM Plaza,” “One Magnificent Mile,” and “One Gustave L. Levy Place” are not only addresses but also proper names of buildings or office centers. In these cases, it is appropriate to spell out address numbers that accompany designators such as “Place.” In such cases, the editor or author should use common sense and verify unusual addresses (§13.4, Local Addresses).

7. The randomized clinical trial involved 2322 patients treated for heart failure at 82 medical clinical centers in the United States, United Kingdom, and Canada.

**ANSWER: The randomized clinical trial involved 2322 patients treated for heart failure at 82 medical clinical centers in the US, UK, and Canada.**

**Editor's Note:** Abbreviations such as “US” and “UK” may be used as modifiers (when they directly precede the word they modify) or as nouns and do not require expansion as long as the context is clear (§13.5, Cities, States, Counties, Territories, Possessions, Provinces, Countries).

8. The investigators were from the New York State Psychiatric Institute.

**ANSWER: The investigators were from the New York State Psychiatric Institute, New York.**

**Editor's Note:** “New York” represents a special case because it may refer to either the city or the state. In the former case, the state name must be added (§13.5, Cities, States, Counties, Territories, Possessions, Provinces, Countries).

9. The study was performed at the University of California, San Diego, California.

**ANSWER: The study was performed at the University of California, San Diego.**

**Editor's Note:** At first mention in the text, the name of the appropriate state or country should follow the name of a city whenever clarification of location is thought to be important for the reader. However, if the city, state, or country is clear from the context, as in the example University of California, do not include it (§13.5, Cities, States, Counties, Territories, Possessions, Provinces, Countries).

10. Students from the University of Chicago (Illinois) Medical School attended the conference.

**ANSWER: Students from the University of Chicago Medical School in Illinois attended the conference.**

**OR**

**Students from the University of Chicago Medical School, Chicago, Illinois, attended the conference.**

**Editor's Note:** When giving the location of an institution or organization whose formal name includes a city, do not insert the state or country within the name (§13.5, Cities, States, Counties, Territories, Possessions, Provinces, Countries).

11. We classified patients according to case definitions (confirmed, probable, or suspected) developed by the World Health Organization (Geneva, Switzerland), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Atlanta, Georgia), and National Microbiology Laboratory (Ottawa, Ontario).

**ANSWER: We classified patients according to case definitions (confirmed, probable, or suspected) developed by the World Health Organization, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and National Microbiology Laboratory.**

**Editor's Note:** Do not provide the location of an institution if it is clear that the location is not important (§13.5, Cities, States, Counties, Territories, Possessions, Provinces, Countries).

12. The presence of the Philadelphia (PA) chromosome is not specific enough to diagnose chronic myelogenous leukemia.

**ANSWER: The presence of the Philadelphia chromosome is not specific enough to diagnose chronic myelogenous leukemia.**

**Editor's Note:** Do not provide the state or country name in cases in which the entity is well known and such clarification is excessive, eg, Chicago White Sox, Philadelphia chromosome, Glasgow sign, Uppsala virus, Lyme disease, the Boston Globe (§13.5, Cities, States, Counties, Territories, Possessions, Provinces, Countries).