

Punctuation Quiz

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Directions: Correctly punctuate the following sentences based on the information outlined in chapter 8 of the *AMA Manual of Style*. Some sentences contain more than one punctuation error.

1. The question before us is “Is there sufficient evidence to justify clinical trials of imatinib in uveal melanoma”?
2. In this population-based prospective cross-sectional analysis we used magnetic resonance imaging to assess the presence and location of microbleeds.
3. If anticoagulant drugs predispose patients to symptomatic intracranial bleeding which usually has a major clinical impact these patients would have been less likely to be included in our population-based study.
4. Data were collected daily from November 1 1989 through December 31 1989 with an exemption on Christmas Day 1989.
5. The patient was 12 years, 3 months of age.

6. We found that the sensitivity of the family history data was high, however, in our study the sensitivity was low.

7. We conducted a double-blind, randomized, clinical trial of healthy infants 2 to 6 months of age who were attending a shared pediatric community practice in Toronto Ontario Canada for their routine primary series of vaccinations.

8. John James Jr MD and Martin V. Smith III MD co-authored the study on Alzheimer disease.

9. The number of children with hepatitis E virus related infection has increased markedly in lower-income countries because of the increasing number of hepatitis E virus infected women of childbearing age.

10. Other therapies that have been tried include: systemic corticosteroids, topical retinoids, nicotinamide, pentoxifylline, aspirin and dipyridamole, clofazimine, hyperbaric oxygen, and fumaric acid esters.

11. During the 12 to 14 day study period, we examined 32 patients with high blood pressure.

12. Treatment of so-called “crush syndrome” includes resolution of limb swelling and reduction of edema.



