The vancouver.bst bibliographic style file (for \LaTeX\/Bib\TeX) is generated with the docstrip utility and modified manually to meet the “Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals” as published in N Engl J Med 1997;336:309-315. (also known as the Vancouver style). This specification may be found on the web page of the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors.\(^\text{1}\) The following samples of reference citation formats were taken from the National Library of Medicine web site to show what works and what does not (yet).\(^\text{2}\)

In order to meet all citation formats, several entry types – such as \texttt{@map}, \texttt{@patent}, \texttt{@dictionary} and \texttt{@webpage} – and fields – such as \texttt{inventor}, \texttt{assignee} (for patents), \texttt{cartographer} (for maps), \texttt{part}, \texttt{lastchecked}, and \texttt{updated} (for webpages). For proper use of these entries and fields I refer to the vancouver.bib file included with the package.

1 Articles in Journals

1.1 Standard journal article

List the first six authors followed by et al. (Note: NLM now lists all authors.)


As an option, if a journal carries continuous pagination throughout a volume (as many medical journals do) the month and issue number may be omitted.


1.1.1 Optional addition of a database’s unique identifier for the citation:


1.1.2 More than six authors:

1.2 **Organization as author**

1.3 **Both personal authors and an organization as author**
(This example does not conform to NISO standards.)

1.4 **No author given**
21st century heart solution may have a sting in the tail. BMJ. 2002;325(7357):184.

1.5 **Article not in English**
(Note: NLM translates the title into English, encloses the translation in square brackets, and adds an abbreviated language designator.)

1.6 **Volume with supplement**

1.7 **Issue with supplement**

1.8 **Volume with part**

1.9 **Issue with part**

1.10 **Issue with no volume**
1.11 No volume or issue
Outreach: bringing HIV-positive individuals into care. HRSA Careaction. 2002 Jun:1-6. 16

1.12 Pagination in roman numerals

1.13 Type of article indicated as needed
Tor M, Turker H. International approaches to the prescription of long-term oxygen therapy [letter]. Eur Respir J. 2002;20(1):242. 18

1.14 Article containing retraction

1.15 Article retracted

1.16 Article republished with corrections

1.17 Article with published erratum

1.18 Article published electronically ahead of the print version
2 Books and Other Monographs

2.1 Personal author(s)

2.2 Editor(s), compiler(s) as author

2.3 Author(s) and editor(s)

2.4 Organization(s) as author

2.5 Chapter in a book

2.6 Conference proceedings

2.7 Conference paper

2.8 Scientific or technical report
2.8.1 Issued by funding/sponsoring agency:
2.8.2 Issued by performing agency:

2.9 Dissertation

2.10 Patent

3 Other Published Material

3.1 Newspaper article

3.2 Audiovisual material
Chason KW, Sallustio S. Hospital preparedness for bioterrorism [videocassette]. Secaucus (NJ): Network for Continuing Medical Education; 2002. 37

3.3 Legal Material
3.3.1 Public law:

3.3.2 Unenacted bill:

3.3.3 Code of Federal Regulations:

3.3.4 Hearing:
3.4 Map

3.5 Dictionary and similar references

4 Unpublished Material
4.1 In press
(Note: NLM prefers ”forthcoming” because not all items will be printed.)

5 Electronic Material
5.1 CD-ROM

5.2 Journal article on the Internet

5.3 Monograph on the Internet

5.4 Homepage/Web site

5.5 Part of a homepage/Web site
5.6 Database on the Internet

5.6.1 Open database:

5.6.2 Closed database:

5.6.3 Part of a database on the Internet

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