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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. 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).

In order to meet all citation formats, several entry types – such as @map, @patent, @dictionary and @webpage – and fields – such as inventor, assignee (for patents), cartographer (for maps), part, lastchecked, and 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
Diabetes Prevention Program Research Group. Hypertension, insulin, and proinsulin in participants with impaired glucose tolerance. Hypertension. 2002;40(5):679-86. 7

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. 9

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.) Ellingsen AE, Wilhelmsen I. Sykdomsangst blant medisin- og jusstudenter. Tidsskr Nor Laegeforen. 2002;122(8):785-7. 10

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

1.12 Pagination in roman numerals

1.13 Type of article indicated as needed

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

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

References


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