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Citation Orders

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Example: Jones DT, Quinn K, Smith C. Genetics. 6th ed. Belfast: Science Publishing; 2009.

Chapters of edited books

Author(s) of the chapter. Title of the chapter. In Name of editor(s), editor(s). Title of book. Place of publication: publisher, year of publication. Page numbers (preceded by p.)

Example: O'Neill LA. Where to Study. In McDonald P, editor. Study Guide. Oxford: Oxford University Press; 2011. p.15-33.

Journal articles

Author(s). Title of article. Title of Journal. Date of publication as year month day; Volume (issue): page numbers (not preceded by p.)

Example: Draper D, Sterling R, Harris JK, Price L, Campbell P, Olsen P, et al. How to succeed in advertising. Advertising Then and Now 2012 Feb 1;80(3):120-144.

Internet Sources

Author. Title of site. [internet]. Year that site published/last updated [cited year month day]; [number of screens/pages]. Available from: url.

Example: Macmillan Cancer Support. Lung cancer. [internet]. 2010 [cited 2012 Dec 1]; [14 screens]. Available from:
<http://www.macmillan.org.uk/Canerinformation/cancertypes/lung/lungcancer.aspx>

Scientific/Technical Reports

Author(s). Title of report. Publishing organisation, Place of publication; Date of publication. Report series and number.

Example: Breslow NE, Day NE. Statistical methods in cancer research. International Agency for Research on Cancer, Lyon, France; 1980. IARC Scientific Publication no. 32.

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