

## Guidelines for Authors

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### **Examples of references:**

#### ***Journal article***

Smithline HA, Mader TJ, Ali FM, Cocchi MN. Determining pretest probability of DVT: clinical intuition vs. validated scoring systems. *N Engl J Med*. 2003 Apr 4;21(2):161-2.

#### ***Journal article with multiple authors – list the first six authors followed by et al***

Gao SR, McGarry M, Ferrier TL, Pallante B, Gasparini B, Fletcher JR, et al. Effect of cell confluence on production of cloned mice using an inbred embryonic stem cell line. *Biol Reprod*. 2003;68(2):595-603.

#### ***Chapter in a book***

Goadsby PJ. Pathophysiology of headache. In: Silberstein SD, Lipton RB, Dalessio DJ. *Wolff's headache and other head pain*. 7th ed. Oxford, England: Oxford University Press, 2001: p.57-72.

#### ***Conference paper***

Christensen S, Oppacher F. An analysis of Koza's computational effort statistic for genetic programming. In: Foster JA, Lutton E, Miller J, Ryan C, Tettamanzi AG, editors. *Genetic programming. EuroGP 2002: Proceedings of the 5th European Conference on Genetic Programming*; 2002 Apr 3-5; Kinsdale, Ireland. Berlin: Springer; 2002. p.182-91.

Sample reference from: [http://www.nlm.nih.gov/bsd/uniform\\_requirements.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/bsd/uniform_requirements.html)

### **Electronic sources**

#### ***CD-Rom / DVD***

Collier L, Balows A, Sussman M, editors. *Topley and Wilson's microbiology and microbial infections* [CD-ROM]. 9th ed. London: Arnold; 1998.

#### ***Journal article on the internet***

Aylin P, Bottle A, Jarman B, Elliott, P. Paediatric cardiac surgical mortality in England after Bristol: descriptive analysis of hospital episode statistics 1991-2002. *BMJ* [Internet]. 2004 Oct 9 [cited 2004 Oct 15]; 329 (7470): 825. Available from: <http://bmj.bmjournals.com/cgi/content/full/329/7470/825>

#### ***Homepage/Web site***

Cancer-Pain.org [Internet]. New York: Association of Cancer Online Resources, Inc.; c2000-01 [Updated 2002 May 16; cited 2002 Jul 9]. Available from: <http://www.cancer-pain.org/>.

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