Vancouver style guidelines

The Vancouver style is a numbered style widely used in medicine. While there are key documents guiding its use, there are acceptable variations used by universities and journals. This is the Vancouver style determined by the Monash University Department of Medical Imaging and Radiation Sciences.

This sample illustrates how to reference four types of publications according to Department’s version of Vancouver: a book, a journal article accessed online, a report accessed online and a website.

Sample paragraph using the Vancouver referencing style

There is growing momentum for the development of research skills in undergraduate students.¹ Monash University aims to produce life-long learners and critical thinkers who apply research skills to address challenges.² In the context of health care this enables evidence-based practice.³ Evidence-based radiography is ‘radiography informed and based on the combination of clinical expertise and the best available research-based evidence, patient preferences and available resources’.⁴ (p.344)

References


Please note:

- Consistency, accuracy, punctuation and spacing are important
- In-text citations are identified by superscript numbers
- The reference list is in number order
- The number originally assigned to the citation is re-used throughout the text for that citation
- Position the number immediately after the relevant word, after a full stop or a comma but before a colon or semi-colon.
- When including page numbers in the in-text citation, use the format ⁴(p.344) or ⁵(pp.30-32)
- Use single quotation marks for direct quotations
- When using the author’s name in a sentence, if there is more than one author, list the first author’s name followed by et al.
- In the reference list all authors’ names
• In the reference list the journal title is abbreviated according to the Medline style. See http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nlmcatalog/journals
• For more information refer to the style guide at http://www.lib.monash.edu.au/tutorials/