Harvard style guidelines

The Harvard style is an author-date style. While there are documents guiding its use, there are acceptable variations used by universities and journals. This is the Harvard 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 Harvard: a book, a journal article accessed online, a report accessed online and a website.

Sample paragraph using the Harvard referencing style

There is growing momentum for the development of research skills in undergraduate students (Australian Learning and Teaching Council & Macquarie University 2010). Monash University aims to produce life-long learners and critical thinkers who apply research skills to address challenges (Monash University 2011). In the context of health care this enables evidence-based practice (Aveyard & Sharp 2009). 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’ (Hafslund et al. 2008, p. 344).

References


Please note:

- Consistency, accuracy, punctuation and spacing are important
- In-text citations are identified by the authors’ names and the publication year in brackets after the relevant word in the sentence
- The reference list is in alphabetical order
- Position the in-text citation immediately after the relevant word and before the punctuation mark
- When including page numbers in the in-text citation, use the format (Hafslund et al. 2008, p. 344) or (Hafslund et al. 2008, pp. 344-345)
- Use single quotation marks for direct quotations
For in-text citations, in the first instance, when there are:
  - two authors, list the first two authors’ names
  - three or more authors, list the first author’s name followed by et al.

For all subsequent in-text citations for publications with two or more authors list only the first author’s name followed by et al.

In the reference list include all authors’ names


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