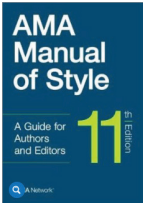




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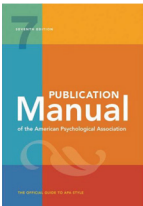
To be a great medical editor, you need great copyediting skills: a sharp eye, attention to detail, and a drive to get things right. You also need to master the conventions that govern medical publishing. Here are the resources you need to do that.



STYLE GUIDES

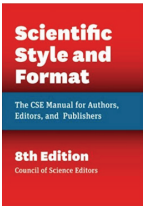
AMA Manual of Style: A Guide for Authors and Editors, 11th edition

Primary style guide for all manner of medical publications
amamanualofstyle.com



Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 7th edition

Default guide for editing material in the social and behavioral sciences
apastyle.org/manual



Scientific Style and Format: The CSE Manual for Authors, Editors, and Publishers, 8th edition

Reference for editors in science and related fields
scientificstyleandformat.org

The Chicago Manual of Style, 17th Edition

Comprehensive style guide that should address any questions not covered in the above guides.
chicagomanualofstyle.org

MEDICAL DICTIONARIES

Stedman's Medical Dictionary

Dorland's Illustrated Medical Dictionary

Two gold-standard dictionaries for the health care field, each listing 100,000+ medical terms and their definitions
stedmansonline.com | dorlandsonline.com

MEDICAL SPELLCHECKERS

Stedman's Plus Medical/Pharmaceutical Spellchecker

Plug-in for MS Word and other word processors that enhances the spellchecker with some 500,000 medical, pharmaceutical, and biological terms
shop.lww.com

Inductel Medical Spellchecker

Plug-in spellcheckers for medical content; scientific and technical content; and combo medical, legal, scientific, and technical content
inductel.com

Spellex Universal Medical Spellchecker

Spellchecks medical, surgical, chemistry, and laboratory terms across platforms (MS Word, email, web sites, social posts, etc.)
spellex.com

RESOURCES FOR GETTING REFERENCES RIGHT

PubMed Citation Matcher

References, abstracts, and DOIs for articles on life sciences and biomedical topics
ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/citmatch

Index Medicus

Standard abbreviations for medical journals, such as "N Engl J Med" for the New England Journal of Medicine
bg.ump.edu.pl/czasopisma/medicus.php?lang=eng

Library of Congress Online Catalogs

Catalog records for the library's 162 million books, periodicals, manuscripts, and other resources
catalog.loc.gov



Google Scholar

Niche search engine that allows you to search a broad array of scholarly literature
scholar.google.com

ClinicalTrials.gov

U.S. National Library of Medicine database of research studies being conducted around the world
clinicaltrials.gov

GENERAL MEDICAL REFERENCES

Cleveland Clinic Health Library

my.clevelandclinic.org/health

MedScape

medscape.com

The Mayo Clinic Patient Care & Health Info

mayoclinic.org/patient-care-and-health-information

Merck Manual

merckmanuals.com/professional

INFORMATION ON ETHICS

International Committee of Medical Journal Editors

Recommendations for best practices and ethical standards in the publication of medical research
icmje.org

Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE)

Advice to editors and publishers on all aspects of publication ethics, particularly how to handle research and publication misconduct
publicationethics.org

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS

American Medical Writers Association

Members can become Medical Writer Certified (MWC)
amwa.org

National Association of Science Writers

nasw.org

Association of Health Care Journalists

healthjournalism.org

Board of Editors in the Life Sciences

Offers Editor in the Life Sciences (ELS) certification
bels.org

Council of Science Editors

councilscienceeditors.org

International Society for Medical Publication Professionals

Members can become Certified Medical Publication Professionals (CMPP)
ismpp.org

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

PlagScan

Allows you to scan for plagiarized text
plagscan.com

HUGO

Listing of standard nomenclature for human genes and gene families
genenames.org

AMA SI Conversion Calculator

Enables instant conversions between metric units and conventional units
<http://www.amamanualofstyle.com/page/si-conversion-calculator>

Reference managers

Software tools for managing and publishing bibliographies, citations, and references
EndNote (endnote.com)
Zotero (zotero.org)
Mendeley (mendeley.com)

