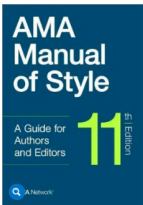




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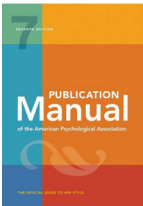
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## STYLE GUIDES

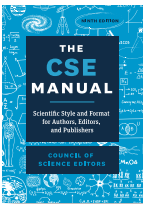
**AMA Manual of Style: A Guide for Authors and Editors, 11th edition**

Primary style guide for all manner of medical publications  
[amamanualofstyle.com](http://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](http://apastyle.org/manual)



**The CSE Manual: Scientific Style and Format for Authors, Editors, and Publishers, 9th edition**

Reference for editors in scientific, medical, and related fields  
[csemanual.org](http://csemanual.org)

**The Chicago Manual of Style, 18th Edition**

Comprehensive style guide that should address any questions not covered in the above guides  
[chicagomanualofstyle.org](http://chicagomanualofstyle.org)

## MEDICAL DICTIONARIES

**Stedman's Medical Dictionary**

**Dorland's Illustrated Medical Dictionary**

Two gold-standard dictionaries for the health care field, each covering more than 100,000 medical terms and their definitions  
[stedmansonline.com](http://stedmansonline.com) | [dorlandsonline.com](http://dorlandsonline.com)

## MEDICAL SPELLCHECKERS

**Stedman's Plus Medical/Pharmaceutical Spellchecker**

Available as a plug-in for word processors or as a downloadable file, a spellchecker with more than 500,000 medical, pharmaceutical, bioscience, and medical equipment terms  
[shop.lww.com](http://shop.lww.com)

**Inductel Medical Spell Checkers**

Plug-in spellcheckers for medical content; scientific and technical content; and combination medical, legal, scientific, and technical content  
[inductel.com](http://inductel.com)

**Spellex Medical Spell Checkers**

Spell checkers for medical, scientific, pharmaceutical, and laboratory terms that work in Microsoft Office applications  
[spellex.com](http://spellex.com)

## RESOURCES FOR GETTING REFERENCES RIGHT

**PubMed Single Citation Matcher**

References, abstracts, and DOIs for articles on life sciences and biomedical topics  
[ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/citmatch](http://ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/citmatch)

**National Library of Medicine**

U.S. federal government hub for biomedical literature and research  
[nlm.nih.gov](http://nlm.nih.gov)

**Perplexity**

Artificial intelligence platform with an academic focus helpful for research and generating complete citations in the style specified  
[perplexity.ai](http://perplexity.ai)



### **Google Scholar**

Niche search engine that enables you to search a broad array of scholarly literature  
[scholar.google.com](https://scholar.google.com)

### **ClinicalTrials.gov**

U.S. National Library of Medicine database of clinical studies conducted around the world  
[clinicaltrials.gov](https://clinicaltrials.gov)

## **GENERAL MEDICAL REFERENCES**

### **Cleveland Clinic Health Library**

A patient- and caregiver-focused site of searchable health information, including images and video  
[my.clevelandclinic.org/health](https://my.clevelandclinic.org/health)

### **Medscape**

One of the world's largest accredited continuing medical education creators for health care professionals  
[medscape.com](https://medscape.com)

### **The Mayo Clinic Patient Care and Health Information**

Consumer-focused health condition database  
[mayoclinic.org/patient-care-and-health-information](https://mayoclinic.org/patient-care-and-health-information)

### **Merck Manual**

Offers trusted medical, veterinary, and pharmaceutical information online and in print, including 3D models and descriptions of surgical procedures  
[merckmanuals.com/professional](https://merckmanuals.com/professional)

## **INFORMATION ABOUT ETHICS IN PEER-REVIEWED SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS**

### **International Committee of Medical Journal Editors**

Recommendations for best practices and ethical standards in the publication of medical research  
[icmje.org](https://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](https://publicationethics.org)

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS**

### **Board of Editors in the Life Sciences**

Offers Editor in the Life Sciences (ELS) certification  
[bels.org](https://bels.org)

### **Council of Science Editors**

[councilscienceeditors.org](https://councilscienceeditors.org)

### **American Medical Writers Association**

Members can become Medical Writer Certified (MWC)  
[amwa.org](https://amwa.org)

### **National Association of Science Writers**

[nasw.org](https://nasw.org)

### **Association of Health Care Journalists**

[healthjournalism.org](https://healthjournalism.org)

### **International Society for Medical Publication Professionals**

Members can become Certified Medical Publication Professionals (CMPP)  
[ismpp.org](https://ismpp.org)

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

### **PlagScan**

Allows you to scan for plagiarized text  
[plagscan.com](https://plagscan.com)

### **HUGO Gene Nomenclature Committee**

Listing of standard nomenclature for human gene names and symbols  
[genenames.org](https://genenames.org)

### **AMA Manual of Style SI Conversion Calculator**

Enables 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](https://endnote.com))
- Zotero ([zotero.org](https://zotero.org))
- Mendeley ([mendeley.com](https://mendeley.com))

