Citing Sources: American Medical Association

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References:

• Cited works are numbered in order of initial appearance in the text, and appear in the Reference List in numerical order.
• Use superscript numerals outside of periods and commas AND inside of colons and semicolons.
• Authors’ names are inverted AND use only initials for first and middle names. There are no periods between initials.
• In article titles, only the first word and proper nouns and abbreviations that are ordinarily capitalized are capitalized.
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• For journals, use issue numbers in parentheses after the volume number. If there is no issue number, then you must specify the month before the year.

Examples of In-text Citations:

Diabetes mellitus is associated with a high risk of foot ulcers.1-3
Four interventions were successful at increasing compliance.11,14-16
The data of Smith et al18 is further evidence of this effect.
As reported previously,1,3-6
The results were as follows4:

Reference List Examples:

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Print journal article with more than six authors:

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If you have a doi #, that is preferred:

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