CSE 8th Edition Name-Year System

References presented in the text include the surname(s) of the author(s) and the year of publication. There is no intervening punctuation. The name(s) and year are enclosed within parentheses unless the authors are mentioned in the sentence, in which case only the year is so enclosed.

Full reference list entries (“end references”) are placed in alphabetical order by author; multiple works with a common author are ordered by publication year. The reference list includes authors’ names (in the order in which they appear in the document), the year of publication, the article title, the journal name, the volume or issue number, and the page range. All elements are separated by periods except the page range, which is preceded by a full colon. The initials representing authors’ given names are capitalized but not period-stopped; there is no space between successive initials. This is the general format for a reference citation:


Parallel Examples of Name-Year and Reference List Citations

Articles

Single-Author Study:

A comprehensive review indicates that laser ablation therapy can be successful in unroofing fistulas external to the sphincter (Bodzin 1998).

Note: The authors’ given names are indicated by capitalized letters with neither periods nor spaces between them.


Note: Journal titles are abbreviated according to the List of Title Word Abbreviations maintained by the ISSN International Centre (http://www.issn.org/services/online-services/access-to-the-ltwa/). The full title of this journal is The American Surgeon. Chemical Abstracts Services (CAS) offers an online tool that finds the approved abbreviation for any full title of a journal (http://cassi.cas.org/search.jsp). The entries in a reference list use a hanging indentation (the first line of the entry is flush with the left-hand margin and all succeeding lines are indented one tab stop).
**Two-Author Study:**

In some cases, femtosecond laser treatment has given rise to cavitation gas bubbles, causing epithelial breakthrough, although the mechanism is not well understood (Grewal and Basti 2014).

**Note:** The authors’ given names are joined by the word “and”; this is replaced by a comma in reference list entries (see below).


**Note:** The full title of this publication was *Journal of Cataract and Refractive Surgery*.

**Three-Author Study:**

This type of fistulotomy does not eliminate the risk of reinfection (Chen et al. 2012).

**Note:** Because this study had three authors, only the first was named, with “et al.” (*et alii*, “and others”). No punctuation intervenes between the authors’ names and the year of publication.


**Note:** The full title of this journal is *Colorectal Disease: The Official Journal of the Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain and Ireland*. The first letter of the subtitle following the full colon is not capitalized. This format is correct for up to 10 authors; beyond that point, list first 10 and add “et al.” to indicate the remaining contributors.

**Books**

Name-year citations for books use the same format as article citations. For end references, use periods to divide the author(s), date, title, edition, and publication year. This is the general format:


*Extent* can indicate pagination or number of volumes and is optional. Notes can include such information as language of publication (other than English); these too are optional. Information about location is essential; include a URL for online works.

**Single-Author Book:**

A wide range of information on cosmetic surgery, of varying quality, is available on the Internet (Wood 2005).
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Note: A full colon divides the place from the publisher.

Organization as author

Use the organization in place of the author and include the abbreviated form in square brackets.


Note: “CA” is the ISO 3166-1 alpha-2 code for Canada. “StatCan” is the official abbreviation of Statistics Canada.

Two-Author Book:

Shephard and Shephard provided an extensive review of health issues specific to women (1990).

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Note: The edition information is placed after the title, following a period. For books with two authors, names are separated by a comma in the end reference but by “and” in the in-text reference.

Dissertations and Theses

Alyahya (2010) was unable to isolate a single mechanism responsible for neuronal cell death, attributing it instead to three phenomena affecting glutamate redistribution.

The corresponding reference list entry is shown below:


Colorado State University.
Newspaper articles

Although rare (c. 1 in 9000), Stickler syndrome is found in the US; Nir (2013) recently profiled a Brooklyn family’s struggle with the genetic disorder.

The corresponding reference list entry is shown below:


DVDs

Films viewed on DVDs may be cited by director or producer (or both).

Contagion demonstrated an unusual attention to detail, providing details of the operation of both the CDC and WHO (Sonderbergh 2012).

Note: The film title is italicized when it appears in the text, but set in plain font in the reference list entry (below).


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About 40 million American adults experience significant anxiety (NIMH 2009).


Patents

A patent provides legal protection for the intellectual property of an inventor; the general format is to list the author, patent holder, assignee, date of patent, title, country, country code, and patent number. The name-year reference would be similar to others.
The tool design incorporated several novel features (Elston 2014).


**Other Complications**

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- Date of modification (NIMH mod [2003])
- Date of access (NIMH [accessed 2004]).

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