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Example: The study shows that patients with diabetes ... (3)

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If you refer to a work more than once, use the first number also for the second and following references.

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Only the first word of a title, proper nouns, proper adjectives, acronyms, and initialisms should be capitalized.

## Printed journals

Surname Initials, Surname Initials. Title of the article. Name of the journal. Year; Volume (issue): Page range.

Boehme CC, Nabeta P, Hillemann D, Nicol MP, Shenai S, Krapp F, et al. Rapid Molecular Detection of Tuberculosis and Rifampin Resistance. N Engl J Med. 2010;363(11):1005-15.



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Puri S, O'Brian MR. The hmuQ and hmuD genes from *Bradyrhizobium japonicum* encode heme-degrading enzymes. *J Bacteriol* [Internet]. 2006 Sep [cited 2012 Jan 10];188(18):6476-82. Available from: <http://jb.asm.org/cgi/content/full/188/18/6476?view=long&pmid=16952937> DOI: 10.1128/JB.00737-0.

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Dahlen ER, Edwards BD, Tubrés T, Zyphur MJ, Warren CR. Taking a look behind the wheel: An investigation into the personality predictors of aggressive driving. *Accid Anal Prev* [Internet]. 2012 March [cited 2012 Jan 10];45:1-9. Available from: <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0001457511003162>.

## Books

Surname Initials, Surname Initials. Title: Subtitle. Edition if available. Place of publication: Publisher; Year.

Streiner DL, Norman GR. Health measurement scales: a practical guide to their development and use. 4th ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press; 2008.

### Books with an editor

Surname Initials, ed. Title: Subtitle. Edition if available. Place of publication: Publisher; Year.

Isaksen LW, ed. Omsorgens pris: kjønn, makt og marked i velferdsstaten. Oslo: Gyldendal; 2003.

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Jørstad RG, Rognum TO. Legenes og sykehusenes rettslige ansvar. In: Rognum TO, ed. *Lærebok i rettsmedisin*. 2nd ed. Oslo: Gyldendal; 2010. p. 82-93.



## PhD and Master's theses

Surname Initials. Title: Subtitle [master's thesis or doctoral thesis/dissertation]. Place of publication, i.e., location of degree granting institution: Publisher, i.e., degree granting institution; Year.

Tjerbo T. The multilevel governance of health care: an analysis of the Norwegian health care sector [doctoral thesis]. Oslo: University of Oslo, Faculty of Medicine; 2009.

## Web pages

Author. Title [Type of medium]. Edition. Place: Publisher; Publication date [Updated date/revised date; cited date]. Available from: URL.

Cancer-Pain.org [Internet]. New York: Association of Cancer Online Resources, Inc.; c2000-01 [updated 2002 May 16; cited 2002 Jul 9]. Available from: <http://www.cancer-pain.org/>.

## Government documents

### Meldinger til Stortinget (Meld.St.)

Title. Publisher. Series and number. (Session).

Om akuttmedisinsk beredskap. Sosial- og helsedepartementet. St.meld. nr. 43. (1999-2000).

### Norges Offentlige Utredninger (NOU)

Ministry. Title. Place: Publisher; Year. NOU Year: Number

Helse- og omsorgsdepartementet. Om kjærlighet og kjøletårn. Strafferettslige spørsmål ved alvorlige smittsomme sykdommer. Departementenes servicesenter; 2012. NOU 2012:17.

## Legal rule

Title. Chapter. Nr. (Year).

Helsepersonelloven. Kap. I. 2.7 Nr. 64 (1999).

## Example of a reference list

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8. Hooper JF. Psychiatry & the Law: Forensic Psychiatric Resource Page [Internet]. Tuscaloosa (AL): University of Alabama, Department of Psychiatry and Neurology; 1999 Jan 1 [updated 2006 Jul 8; cited 2007 Feb 23]. Available from: <http://bama.ua.edu/~jhooper/>.
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