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According to the Vancouver rules, you can only refer to the literature you have read yourself. If you find anything interesting in a text where it is referred to another text, you must read and refer to the original.

If a document has been published in several formats, for example in print, as a web page or on DVD, you must refer to the format you have used.

If the reference points to a specific place in the document cited, the page number must be specified. Example: (1, p.16) means page 16 of reference no. 1 in the list of references.

Quotes

Quotes of less than three lines are integrated into the text and enclosed in quotation marks. Page numbers are given immediately after the reference number. When the page number is given in the in-text reference, it should not be repeated in the reference list. Short quote: “Plagiarism is considered misconduct, and the student’s examination rights will be revoked” (6, p. 43).

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In the text, the reference is provided as a number in brackets at the end of the phrase. Example: The study shows that patients with diabetes ... (3)

The references are numbered consecutively in the order in which they appear in the text.

The reference must be given with its number in the reference list, even when the author’s name is stated in the text. Example: The researcher Charles Owen claims that ... (8).

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

References to more than one source in the same phrase may be entered like this: (2-4), i.e., references 2 through 4 in the reference list, and (2-4, 8), i.e. the references 2 through 4, plus reference no. 8 in the list of references.

Reference lists

The reference list should be ordered numerically in the order in which the references appear in the text.

Line spacing and indentation: See each journal’s guidelines for authors.

Articles in journals

Cite the article in the format that you have used; for example, do not refer to the printed version if you have read the online version.

Cite the journal’s name at the time of publication.

The journal’s name may be abbreviated, according to the abbreviation rules for journal titles. Records retrieved from a search for the full journal title in the National Library of Medicine’s search page include the abbreviated title.

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Autors’ names should be given as surname followed by initials. There should be a space between surname and initials. A maximum of two initials are allowed for each author, they should be entered without spaces or punctuation. Different authors should be separated by a space and a comma. A period (.) should follow the last author’s name.

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.

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Books

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


Books with an editor

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


Chapters in books

Surname Initials, Surname Initials. Title of the chapter: Subtitle. In: Surname Initials, ed. Title: Subtitle. Edition if available. Place of publication: Publisher; Year. Page range of the chapter.

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.


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


Government documents
Meldinger til Stortinget (Meld.St.)
Title. Publisher. Series and number. (Session).

Norges Offentlige Utredninger (NOU)
Ministry. Title. Place: Publisher; Year. NOU Year: Number

Legal rule
Title. Chapter. Nr. (Year).
Helsepersonelloven. Kap. I. 2.7 Nr. 64 (1999).

Example of a reference list


