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In-Text Citations

- Use superscript numerals to number sources according to the order in which they appear. Once a source has received a number, it keeps that number throughout the text.
 - A recent study¹ found that the parietal cortex is important for managing time perception.
- Always use page numbers for direct quotations. Place the page number (using p# or pp#-# format) in parentheses after the superscript number:
 - Basic neural timing is important to brain functioning,² yet “The parietal cortex is the main structure involved.”^{3(p19)}
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The rest of this handout provides examples of references and is organized by journal articles, books, and web sources:

Journals

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1. Doe J. Human lung capacity. *Am Med J*. 2008;20(2):99-101.

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1. Doe J, Liwei Y, Brooks G. Human lung capacity. *Am J Med*. 2008;20(2):99-101.

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Books

Books with one edition should be listed by author(s), *Title of the Book*, City, State: Publisher’s name; year.

2. Hilton P. *Lungs: Nature’s Air Bag*. Denver, CO: Parietal Publishing; 2009.

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- Hilton P. *The Importance of the Heart*. 2nd ed. Denver, CO: Parietal Publishing; 2007.

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- Hilton P, Richie N. Living the simple life. In: Varda P, Sparking Q, eds. *Anthology of Interesting Writing*. Denver, CO: Parietal Publishing; 2009:900-910.

Edited books should be listed by editor(s) name(s). *Title of the Book*. City, State: Publisher's name; year.

- Poole Q, Edgar U, eds. *Why Salt Matters*. Denver, CO: Parietal Publishing; 2001.

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- International Society for Infectious Diseases. ProMED-mail Web site. <http://www.promedmail.org>. Published January 15, 2003. Accessed April 29, 2004.
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For more information and examples, please refer to the *American Medical Association Manual of Style* or www.amamanualofstyle.com.

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