



## Citation FAQ

### What is a citation?

"The record of an article, book, or other report that includes summary descriptive information e.g., authors, title ... source ...".

(<http://medical-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com/Bibliographic+citation>)

### What is a citation used for?

The citation contains all the necessary information elements to identify an article, book or report and lead others to it.

### Elements of a citation

Elements of a typical journal article citation and a book citation are shown below, but there are many variations dependent upon both the type of source and reference style used.

#### Journal article elements

Author	Article Title	Journal Title	Volume No	Page No
Thordarson, DB:	Talar Body Fractures.	Orthop Clin Am.	32(1):	65-77, 2001.
<a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0030-5898(05)70194-2">http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0030-5898(05)70194-2</a>				
DOI *			Issue No	Year
[Digital object identifier]				

\*The DOI is one type of unique document identifier code. Others you may see include the PMID (Pub Med Identifier) or the UI (Universal Identifier, an updated version of the PMID code)

#### Book article elements

<u>Book article elements</u>			<b>Book Title</b>
<b>Authors</b>			
Hoffman T.; Bennett S.; & Del Mar C.	<u>Evidence-based practice across the health professions.</u>		
Sydney: Churchill Livingstone, (2010).			
<b>Place of Publication</b>	<b>Publishers</b>	<b>Year</b>	

### Is all this detail really necessary?

The more information you provide, the faster the Library can find your item for you.

It is also good practice to record citation details of articles, websites and other items of interest that you come across, so that you are able to reference them in your own reports and research and retrieve the information. The citation details can also be used to create manual record entries in EndNote\* [\*EndNote is a type of reference management software. Contact the Library for further information]