

# The Anatomy of a Citation:

**Citation** = **Reference** = a brief representation of a work. It provides all the necessary information to describe and locate the work including title, author, and publication information. Citations are provided in bibliographies and databases.

This is a citation in **APA format**:

Author → Alper, B. (2007). Evidence-based medicine. Duct tape no more effective than moleskin for treating warts. *Clinical Advisor for Nurse Practitioners*, 10(9), 120.

Year of Publication → (2007)  
Article title → Evidence-based medicine. Duct tape no more effective than moleskin for treating warts.  
Journal Name → *Clinical Advisor for Nurse Practitioners*  
Volume → 10  
Issue number → (9)  
Page number → 120

This is an example of a citation within **PubMed**:

Journal Title → [Can J Aging](#).  
Publication Date → 2008 Spring;  
Volume → 27  
Issue → (1)  
Page numbers → :57-67.  
doi: 10.3138/cja.27.1.057.  
"Old people are useless": representations of aging on the Simpsons.  
Blakeborough D. ← Author  
Article Title → "Old people are useless": representations of aging on the Simpsons.

**PubMed provides Journal Names in abbreviation.** If you mouse over the journal title, PubMed will provide the full name of the journal.