

## References RCS England Journals

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- Author name: Surname followed by initials without full stops. For more than one author, comma between names. If there are more than four authors, list the first three names, followed by *et al.*
- Title: Retain spellings, abbreviations and style for numbers used in the original. Generally, for articles, parts of books or titles of papers in journals, capitalise only the first word of the title (as well as proper nouns/place names). For books, capitalise as the original. Do not use quotation marks around the title.
- For names of journals, abbreviate as on [PubMed](#).
- For *Bulletin* articles published up until the end of 2014, the journal title should be abbreviated to *Ann R Coll Surg Engl (Suppl)*. For articles published from 2015 onwards, the journal title should be abbreviated to *Bull R Coll Surg Engl*.
- **Please pay attention to the exact location of punctuation marks and formatting such as bold and italic text.**

### Journals

1. Authors' names
2. Title of paper
3. Abbreviated name of journal in italics, following [PubMed](#) abbreviations
4. Year of publication
5. Volume number in bold – If a journal carries continuous pagination throughout a volume, the issue number should be omitted.
6. Inclusive page numbers

Example:

McVay MR, Keller JE, Wagner CW *et al.* Surgical management of lipoblastoma. *J Pediatr Surg* 2006; **41**: 1067–1071.

El Boghdady M. The elephant in the operating room: calling out bullying and discrimination in surgery. *Bull R Coll Surg Engl* 2023; **105(Suppl 1)**: 28–31.

Zargaran D, Zargaran A, Sousi S *et al.* Quantitative and qualitative analysis of individual experiences post botulinum toxin injection – United Kingdom survey. *Skin Health Dis* 2023 Jul 3. [Epub ahead of print.]

### Books

1. Authors'/editors' names
2. Book title in italics
3. Edition number (but do not include first edition)
4. Place of publication
5. Name of publisher
6. Year of publication

Example:

Watkinson JC, Clarke RW. *Scott-Brown's Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery*. 8<sup>th</sup> edn. Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press; 2018.

### **Book chapters**

1. Names of chapter authors
2. Chapter title
3. Names of book editors
4. Book title in italics
5. Edition number (but do not include first edition)
6. Place of publication
7. Name of publisher
8. Year of publication
9. Page numbers

Example:

Hague A. Apoptosis and Cell Death. In: Watkinson JC, Clarke RW. *Scott-Brown's Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery*. 8<sup>th</sup> edn. Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press; 2018. pp59–68.

### **Newspapers**

1. Authors' names
2. Article title
3. Name of newspaper in italics
4. Date (year, month, day)

Example:

Blakely R. Drug hits cancer cells' DNA to stop tumours growing. *The Times*. 2020 September 29.

### **Theses and dissertations**

1. Author's name
2. Title in italics
3. Location of university
4. Name of university
5. Year

Example:

van der Zande M. *Digital Technology Use in Dental Practice* [PhD thesis]. Amsterdam: Vrije Universiteit; 2017.

### **Items presented at a meeting**

1. Authors' names
2. Title of item in italics
3. To whom presented
4. Month and year presented
5. Place where meeting was held

Example:

Boereboom C, Lund J, Watson N. *A descriptive longitudinal assessment of the endoscopy requirements of 183 consecutive consultant colorectal surgeon posts*. Presented at: Tripartite Colorectal Meeting; July 2014; Birmingham.

## **Websites**

1. Title/owner of website
2. Title of page
3. URL
4. Month and year cited

Example:

General Medical Council. Ethical guidance. <https://www.gmc-uk.org/ethical-guidance/>  
(cited February 2022).

## **NICE guidance**

Examples:

National Institute for Health and Care Excellence. *Diverticular Disease: Diagnosis and Management (NG147)*. London: NICE; 2019.  
National Institute for Health and Care Excellence. *Oesophago-gastric Cancer (QS176)*. London: NICE; 2018.