

Introduction to Medical Copy Editing

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Medical Terminology and Reference

Stedman's Medical Dictionary

- The authoritative resource for the “language of medicine” (available in print, online, and as an app)
- www.stedmanonline.com

Stedman's Medical/Pharmaceutical Spellchecker

- Compatible with many word processing systems and Windows users receive a universal spellchecker that integrates spellcheck throughout desktop
- <https://shop.lww.com/Stedman-s-Plus-2017-Medical-Pharmaceutical-Spellchecker--Standard-/p/9781496354334>

The Merck Manual of Diagnosis and Therapy, 19th edition

- The most widely used comprehensive medical textbook for both professionals and consumers (available in print, online, and as an app)
- www.merckmanuals.com

List of Medical Roots, Suffixes and Prefixes (Wikipedia)

- A list of roots, suffixes, and prefixes used in medical terminology, including their meanings and etymology
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_medical_roots,_suffixes_and_prefixes

Style Guides

AMA Manual of Style: A Guide for Authors and Editors, 10th edition

- The major style guide of the industry that contains everything essential to produce a manuscript that is “well organized, clear, readable, and authoritative” (available in print and online)
- <http://www.amamanualofstyle.com>

Scientific Style and Format: The CSE Manual for Authors, Editors, and Publishers, 8th edition

- Developed by the Council of Science Editors (CSE), it incorporates best practices in scientific publishing across all areas of science (available in print and online)
- www.scientificstyleandformat.org

Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 6th edition

- Used more within the social and behavioural sciences, but is a strong resource for “strong, simple, and elegant” scientific communication (available in print, on Kindle, and online)
- www.apastyle.org

Guidelines for Reporting Medical Studies

Recommendations for the Conduct, Reporting, Editing and Publication of Scholarly Work in Medical Journals (ICMJE Recommendations)

- Recommendations developed by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE) to review best practice and ethical standards and help produce accurate, clear, reproducible, unbiased medical journal articles
- <http://www.icmje.org/recommendations/>

Consolidated Standards of Reporting Trials (CONSORT) Transparent Reporting of Trials

- Guidelines to improve the reporting of parallel-group randomized controlled trials
- <http://www.consort-statement.org/>

Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) Transparent Reporting of Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses

- Evidence-based standards for reporting systematic reviews and meta-analyses
- <http://www.prisma-statement.org/>

References and Citations

Citing Medicine: The NLM Style Guide for Authors, Editors, and Publishers, 2nd edition

- Rules for following Vancouver reference style (also known as author-number system)
- <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7256/>

PubMed

- Free searchable database of >27 million citations for biomedical literature from MEDLINE, life science journals, and online books
- <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed>

Web of Science

- Alphabetical listing of journal title abbreviations
- https://images.webofknowledge.com/images/help/WOS/G_abrvjt.html

Associations/Certifications

American Medical Writers Association

- Have self-study workbooks (eg, medical terminology and statistics), basic to advanced online learning courses, live webinars, in-person events, and a certification exam for Medical Writing Certification (MWC)
- www.amwa.org

Board of Editors in the Life Sciences

- BELS evaluates the proficiency of manuscript editors in the life sciences through 2 examinations—certification and diplomate status—that focus on the principles and practices of scientific editing in English
- www.bels.org

Council of Science Editors

- CSE offers a Short Course for Editors (“everything you always wanted—and need—to know about journal editing, but couldn’t find anyone to ask”) for life science and biomedical publishing
- www.councilscienceeditors.org