

# PEDIATRIA

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Jih WK, Lett SM, des Vignes FN, Garrison KM, Sipe PL, Marchant CD. The increasing incidence of pertussis in Massachusetts adolescents and adults, 1989-1998. *Infect Dis.* 2000;182:1409-16.

#### *More than 6 authors:*

Rose ME, Huerbin MB, Melick J, Marion DW, Palmer AM, Schiding JK, et al. Regulation of interstitial excitatory amino acid concentrations after cortical contusion injury. *Brain Res.* 2002;935:40-6.

#### *Research groups:*

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Diabetes Prevention Program Research Group. Hypertension, insulin, and proinsulin in participants with impaired glucose tolerance. *Hypertension.* 2002;40:679-86.

##### *b. With defined author:*

Vallancien G, Emberton M, Harving N, van Moorselaar RJ; Alf-One Study Group. Sexual dysfunction in 1,274 European men suffering from lower urinary tract symptoms. *J Urol.* 2003;169:2257-61.

##### *c. Without authors:*

No-referred authorship. 21st century heart solution may have a sting in the tail. *BMJ.* 2002;325:184.

#### *Volume with supplement:*

Geraud G, Spierings EL, Keywood C. Tolerability and safety of frovatriptan with short- and long-term use for treatment of migraine and in comparison with sumatriptan. *Headache.* 2002;42 Suppl 2:S93-9.

#### *Article published online, before the printed version:*

Yu WM, Hawley TS, Hawley RG, Qu CK. Immortalization of yolk sac-derived precursor cells. *Blood;* Epub 2002 Jul 5.

#### *Articles accepted for publishing still in press:*

Tian D, Araki H, Stahl E, Bergelson J, Kreitman M. Signature of balancing selection in Arabidopsis. *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A.* In press 2002.

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Follow the style mentioned above.

## 2. Books and other monographies

### *Books:*

Gilstrap LC 3rd, Cunningham FG, VanDorsten JP. Operative obstetrics. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. New York: McGraw-Hill; 2002.

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### *Book chapters:*

Meltzer PS, Kallioniemi A, Trent JM. Chromosome alterations in human solid tumors. In: Vogelstein B, Kinzler KW, editors. The genetic basis of human cancer. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. New York: McGraw-Hill; 2002. p. 93-113.

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### *Conference published in Congress annals:*

Christensen S, Oppacher F. An analysis of Koza's computational effort statistic for genetic programming. Proceedings of the 5th European Conference on Genetic Programming; 2002 Apr 3-5; Kinsdale, Ireland. p. 182-91.

### *Abstracts published in Congress annals:*

Blank D, Grassi PR, Schlindwein RS, Melo JL, Eckhart GE. The growing threat of injury and violence against youths in southern Brazil: a ten year analysis. Abstracts of the Second World Conference on Injury Control; 1993 May 20-23; Atlanta, USA. p. 137-8.

### *PhD or Master's degree thesis*

Afiune JY. Avaliação ecocardiográfica evolutiva de recém-nascidos pré-termo, do nascimento até o termo [master's thesis]. São Paulo (SP): USP; 2000.

Aguiar CR. Influência dos níveis séricos de bilirrubina sobre a ocorrência e a evolução da sepse neonatal em recém-nascidos pré-termo com idade gestacional menor que 36 semanas [PhD thesis]. São Paulo (SP): USP; 2007.

## 3. Other published materials

### *Articles in newspapers, bulletins, and other means of written press:*

Tynan T. Medical improvements lower homicide rate: study sees drop in assault rate. The Washington Post. 2002 Aug 12. p.1.

### *Laws, regulations, and recommendations:*

Brazil - Ministério da Saúde. Recursos humanos e material mínimo para assistência ao RN na sala de parto. Portaria SAS/MS 96, 1994.

Brazil - Ministério da Saúde. Secretaria de políticas de saúde - área técnica de saúde da mulher. Parto, aborto e puerpério: assistência humanizada à mulher. Brasília: Ministério da Saúde; 2001.

Brazil - Presidência da República. Decreto n° 6.871, de 4 de junho de 2009, do Ministério da Agricultura, Pecuária e Abastecimento. Regulamenta a Lei n° 8.918, de 14 de julho de 1994, que dispõe sobre a padronização, a classificação, o registro, a inspeção, a produção e a fiscalização de bebidas. Brasília: Diário Oficial da União; 2009. Available from: [http://www.planalto.gov.br/ccivil\\_03/\\_Ato2007-2010/2009/Decreto/D6871.htm](http://www.planalto.gov.br/ccivil_03/_Ato2007-2010/2009/Decreto/D6871.htm)

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## 4. Electronic Material

### *Article from electronic journal:*

Aboud S. Quality improvement initiative in nursing homes: the ANA acts in an advisory role. Am J Nurs [serial on the Internet]. 2002;102(6) [cited 2002 Aug 12]. Available from: <http://www.nursingworld.org/AJN/2002/june/Wawatch.htm>

### *Monograph on the Internet or electronic book:*

Foley KM, Gelband H. Improving palliative care for cancer [homepage on the Internet]. Washington: National Academy Press; 2001 [cited 2002 Jul 9]. Available from: <http://www.nap.edu/books/0309074029/html/>

### *Homepage/website:*

Cancer-Pain.org [homepage on the Internet]. New York: Association of Cancer Online Resources [cited 2002 Jul 9]. Available from: <http://www.cancer-pain.org/>.

### *Part of a homepage or website:*

American Medical Association [homepage on the Internet]. AMA Office of Group Practice Liaison [cited 2002 Aug 12]. Available from: <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/1736.html>

Brazil - Ministério da Saúde - DATASUS [homepage on the Internet]. Informações de Saúde- Estatísticas Vitais- Mortalidade e Nascidos Vivos: nascidos vivos desde 1994 [cited 2007 Feb 10]. Available from: <http://tabnet.datasus.gov.br/cgi/deftohtm.exe?sinasc/cnv/nvuf.def>

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