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1. Suetens P. Fundamentals of medical imaging [Internet]. 3rd ed. Cambridge (England): Cambridge University Press; 2017 [cited 2017 Oct 16]. Available from: <https://www-cambridge-org/core/books/fundamentals-of-medical-imaging/>

2. Azer SA. Making sense of clinical teaching: a hands-on guide to success. Boca Raton (FL): CRC Press/Taylor & Francis; 2013.

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1. Ritter J, Flower R, Henderson G, Rang H. Rang & Dale's pharmacology [Internet]. 8th ed. Edinburgh: Churchill Livingstone; 2015 [cited 2017 Nov 30]. Available from: <https://www-clinicalkey-com-au/#!/browse/book/3-s2.0-C20120031079>

2. Boron WF, Boulpaep EL. Medical physiology. 3rd ed. Philadelphia: Elsevier; 2017.

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Examples

1. Epstein O, Perkin GD, Cookson J, Watt IS, Rakhit R, Robins A, et al. Clinical examination [Internet]. 4th ed. Edinburgh: Mosby; 2008 [cited 2017 Nov 30]. Available from: <https://www-clinicalkey-com-au.ezproxy.auckland.ac.nz/#!/content/book/3-s2.0-B9780723434542500027>

2. Marans S, Adnopo J, Berkman M, Esserman D, MacDonald D, Nagler S, et al. The police-mental health partnership: a community-based response to urban violence. New Haven (CT): Yale University; 1995.

Group as author

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Examples

1. Ministry of Social Development. The business of ageing: realising the economic potential of older people in New Zealand: 2011-2051 [Internet]. Wellington (NZ): Ministry of Social Development; 2011 [cited 2017 Nov 27]. Available from: <https://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/research/business-of-ageing/index.html>
2. Ministry of Health. The health of Pacific peoples. Wellington (NZ): Ministry of Health; 2005.

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1. Lean healthcare dictionary: an illustrated guide to using the language of lean management in healthcare [Internet]. New York: Productivity Press; 2014 [cited 2017 Nov 30].

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2. Reading women's lives: an introduction to women's studies. Needham Heights (MA): Simon & Schuster; 1997.

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2. Author(s) of book. Title of book. Edition. Place of publication: Publisher; Year of publication. Chapter no, Title of chapter; p. pages of the chapter.

Examples

1. Bryant B, Knights K. Pharmacology for health professionals [Internet]. 3rd ed. Marrickville, Australia: Elsevier Australia; 2010. Chapter 8, Pharmacokinetics and dosing regimens [cited 2019 Apr 3]; p. 628-663. Available at: <https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/auckland/reader.action?docID=1721668&ppg=751>

2. Marieb EN, Wilhelm PB, Mallatt J. Human anatomy. 7th ed. Boston (MA): Pearson; 2014. Chapter 3, Basic embryology; p. 46-63.

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Examples

1. Licurse MY, Boonn WW. Computers in radiology. In: Torigian DA, Ramchandani P, editors. Radiology secrets plus [Internet]. 4th ed. Philadelphia: Elsevier; 2017 [cited 2017 Nov 30]. p. 26-31. Available from: <https://www-clinicalkey-com-au/#!/content/book/3-s2.0-B9780323286381000050>
2. Harold G. Smoking impacts on adolescent development. In: Gluckman P, Hayne H, editors. Improving the transition: reducing social and psychological morbidity during adolescence. Auckland (NZ): Office of the Prime Minister's Science Advisory Committee; 2011. p. 225-34.

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2. Hoare B, editor. The Kingfisher A-Z encyclopaedia. London (England): Kingfisher; 2002. Vein; p. 350.
3. Dorland's illustrated medical dictionary. 29th ed. Philadelphia: W.B. Saunders; 2000. Filamin; p. 675.

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Examples

1. Foley KM, Gelband H, editors. Improving palliative care for cancer [Internet]. Washington: National Academy Press; 2001 [cited 2017 Nov 30]. Available from: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/25057564>

2. McDonald L, editor. Florence Nightingale on women, medicine, midwifery and prostitution. Waterloo (ON): Wilfrid Laurier University Press; 2005.

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- Bryant and Knights (1) stated that "severe overdose of aspirin can be dramatic and potentially fatal, especially in children" (p1084).

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