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1. D'Alessandro DM, D'Alessandro MP. Virtual Pediatric Hospital™: a digital library of pediatric information [Internet]. Iowa City: Donna M. D'Alessandro; c1992-2018 [revised 2018 Jan 1; cited 2018 Jan 31]. Available from: <http://www.virtualpediatrichospital.org/>

No author

1. Medsafe [Internet]. Wellington (NZ): New Zealand Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Authority; 2012

[cited 2017 Nov 30]. Available from: <http://www.medsafe.govt.nz/>

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In-text citation

When using another person's ideas or words include an Arabic numeral in brackets (consecutively numbered). If the reference is referred to again, the same number is used.

Examples

- ... has been recently identified (1). There is a need to be cautious with giving aspirin to children as overdosing can lead to mortality (1).

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- ... in alkyl sulphates such as sodium lauryl sulphate (3,5-6) and diethyl sulphate (7). Other compounds showing promise were those in the C12 - C14 range (3-4).

For direct quotes, use quotation marks and include the page number(s). If including the authors insert the number after the authors and the page number(s) goes after the quote.

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

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