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## **Journals:**

Riccard CP, Skelton M. Comparative Analysis of 1st, 2nd, and 4th Year MD Students' Attitudes toward Complementary Alternative Medicine (CAM). *BMC Res Notes*. 2008;17(1):84-88.

## **Books with one author:**

Garcia Marquez G. *One Hundred Years of Solitude*. New York, NY; Alfred A. Knopf. 1993.

## **Books with more than one author:**

Seiden A, Tami T, Pensak M, Cotton R, Gluckman J. *Esophagus: Anatomy and Physiology. Otolaryngology: The essentials*. 1st Ed. New York City: Thieme Medical Publishers; 2002:334-336.

## **Book chapters:**

Bodenheimer T, Grumbach K. Medical Ethics and Rationing of Health Care. In *Understanding Health Policy*. New York, NY: McGraw-Hill; 2012:153-168.

**Newspaper articles (print):**

Pérez-Pena R, Lovett I. California law on sexual consent pleases many but leaves some doubters. *New York Times*. September 30, 2014:A14.

**Newspaper articles (online):**

Schow A. Affirmative consent is spreading. Washington Examiner. <http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/affirmative-consent-laws-spreading-across-the-us/article/2554754>. Published 14, 2014. Accessed November 23, 2014.

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