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How to Cite the DSM-5 in APA Style (UPDATED)



by Jeff Hume-Pratuch

The *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (5th ed.; *DSM-5*) has finally arrived! Here's how the reference list entry should look:

American Psychiatric Association. (2013). *Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders* (5th ed.). Washington, DC:

Author.

Text citation: (American Psychiatric Association, 2013)

Individual chapters and other parts of *DSM-5* have been assigned DOIs. If you used the online edition of the *DSM*, give the DOI in the publisher position.

American Psychiatric Association. (2013). Cautionary statement for forensic use of *DSM-5*. In *Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders* (5th ed.). doi:10.1176/appi.books.9780890425596.744053

Text citation: (American Psychiatric Association, 2013)

Here's how it would look when used in your narrative:

The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (5th ed.; *DSM-5*; American Psychiatric Association, 2013) is the most widely accepted nomenclature used by clinicians and researchers for the classification of mental disorders.

Once introduced, the acronym *DSM-5* can be used instead of the title and edition:

The *DSM-5's* classification involves a shift from the traditional categorical approach to a dimensional approach. The changes involving the removal of the legal problems criterion and the addition of a craving criterion were retained in the final revision of the diagnostic criteria (American Psychiatric Association, 2013).

If you decide to use an acronym for the author, introduce it at first reference:

The *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (5th ed.; *DSM-5*; American Psychiatric Association [APA], 2013) is the most widely accepted nomenclature used by clinicians and researchers for the classification of mental disorders. . . . The changes involving the removal of the legal problems criterion and the addition of a craving criterion were retained in the final revision of the diagnostic criteria (APA, 2013).

UPDATE: The post has been revised to reflect the fact that there is no DOI for the entire *DSM-5*; each chapter has its own DOI (9/4/2013). The place of publication has also been updated (9/22/2014).

Posted by Jeff Hume-Pratuch at 05:39:19 PM in [Books](#), [How-to](#), [References](#) [ShareThis](#)

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[Sara D. Hauber](#) said...

Thank you so much for this thorough explanation of how to cite the DSM-5. My nursing students often must cite works by organizations in their manuscripts, and they frequently question when and how to introduce an organization's acronym or abbreviation in citations and text. I will share this example with all of them.

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[August 08, 2013 at 07:37 PM](#)



[Jeff Hume-Pratuch](#) said in reply to [Sara D. Hauber](#)...

Thanks Sara, glad we could help!
--Jeff

[August 12, 2013 at 09:24 AM](#)



[Stephen Brown](#) said...

Thanks for posting this information, Jeff. These guidelines and examples are useful in clarifying the somewhat idiosyncratic format for citing the DSM-5, particularly since the reference example in the 5th edition of the Publication Manual wasn't included in the 6th edition. I'll be referring to this often, I'm sure.

Stephen Brown
Wordsmith Editing Services

[August 09, 2013 at 07:22 PM](#)



[Sonia Castleberry](#) said...

Nice and clear, Jeff, thanks! The examples are especially helpful.

[August 16, 2013 at 12:10 PM](#)



[Johanna Tunon](#) said...

Thanks for posting this. I was wondering why the parenthetical text citation in the third example was included in the following sentence rather than in the same sentence as the acronym. Also, that is the reason for putting the text citation at the end of the sentence instead of immediately after the acronym?

Thanks,
Johanna

[August 20, 2013 at 09:01 AM](#)

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Hi Johanna,

The third example illustrates how the acronym *DSM-5* would be used in text. A citation is not needed for every use of the acronym, but it is needed at the end of a paraphrased passage.

--Jeff

[August 20, 2013 at 09:09 AM](#)



[Ron Coffen](#) said...

Thanks for putting this relevant reference example up.

The

<http://dx.doi.org/10.1176/appi.books.9780890425596.910646>

URL does not seem to work if it is clicked and I'm confused about what that element represents in the citation.

My understanding from the *APA Style Manual*, section 7.02 from the third example under "entire book" is that element should represent the doi. I have not been able to find a doi for the DSM-5 but the URL looks like it includes numbers that are the ISBN for the book.

If the URL is meant to be a "Retrieved from" element, I guess that would be confusing too since one cannot retrieve the DSM-5 online as far as I know.

Hoping to understand more clearly what that element is doing.

[August 20, 2013 at 09:30 AM](#)



[Ron Coffen](#) said in reply to [Ron Coffen](#)...

I just found the following doi info at "DSM Library":
doi:10.1176/appi.books.9780890425596.680172

Not sure why the last 6 digits are different from the DOI listed in the original post.

But, the .680172 doi does not seem resolvable by dx.doi.com either.

Confused...

[August 20, 2013 at 09:43 AM](#)



[Gabe Gossett](#) said...

Like Ron I am also confused by the doi URL. Not only does the link in the original post not work, but it seems like it should actually be listed as doi:10.1176/appi.books.9780890425596.910646. I don't see any examples in the Manual where it lists the URL version of a doi (despite the fact that it would be more useful). In fact, it seems to show the opposite in section 7 example 19.

Any clarification would be helpful.

[September 03, 2013 at 01:53 PM](#)



[Jeff Hume-Pratuch](#) said...

Hi folks,

Thanks for pointing out the problems with the DOI. I've revised the post.

--Jeff

[September 04, 2013 at 04:58 PM](#)



[John Thurscaton](#) said...

Hello,

I'd like to reference a chapter in the DSM-V; specifically Personality Disorders. I've got a print copy, not an online copy. Should I reference it using the doi number (doi:1176/appi.books.9780890425596.295735), or should I reference the chapter as if referencing any other book?

I.e. should the reference be:

American Psychiatric Association. (2013). Personality Disorders. In. Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (5th ed.). doi: 10.1176/appi.books.9780890425596.295735

OR

American Psychiatric Association. (2013). Personality Disorders. In. Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (5th ed.)p. 645-684. Arlington, VA: American Psychiatric Publishing.

Any help would be GREATLY appreciated.

Cheers,
Jonathan.

November 30, 2013 at 12:58 PM



[Kyle Robinson](#) said...

I'm intrigued by this post, as it seems to contradict the citation information contained within the book itself.

According to the copyright page (the page behind the title page) the correct method of citing the entire DSM-V would actually be:

American Psychiatric Association. (2013). *Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders* (5th ed). Arlington, VA: American Psychiatric Association.

They seem to want the publisher listed as themselves, not as American Psychiatric Publishing - perhaps because its a division of the APA.

I suppose using either American Psychiatric Association or American Psychiatric Publishing would be correct, as both are technically the publishers, but it seems to me that the more correct version would be to use American Psychiatric Association as the publisher.

Thoughts?

- Kyle

June 15, 2014 at 02:24 PM



[Jeff Hume-Pratuch](#) said in reply to [Kyle Robinson](#)...

Hi Kyle,

Interesting. Our model reference was based on prepublication information we received directly from the American Psychiatric Association.

--Jeff

June 16, 2014 at 11:37 AM



[Dave Block](#) said...

I would like to know how to cite using the Android application version of the DSM-5.

Also, is there a list available of the doi for each diagnosis, chapter, or section?

July 08, 2014 at 04:14 AM



[Jeff Hume-Pratuch](#) said in reply to [Dave Block...](#)

Hi Dave,

Simply include the application information in the reference:




American Psychiatric Association. (2013). *Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders* (5th ed.) [Android version]. Retrieved from URL

Use the URL from which the Android app is available.

I'm not aware of a list of DOIs for parts of DSM-5.

Hope this helps,
Jeff

July 08, 2014 at 09:15 AM

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