Data Citation: Vancouver Style*  Version 1.0, November 2016

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Common Citation Elements

The Vancouver Style provides examples on how to cite datasets. They use the following elements to cite data.

- **Author**: Name(s) of each individual or organizational entity responsible for the creation of the dataset.
- **Date of Publication**: Year the dataset was published or disseminated.
- **Title**: Complete title of the dataset, including the edition or version number, if applicable.
- **Publisher and/or Distributor**: Organizational entity that makes the dataset available by archiving, producing, publishing, and/or distributing the dataset. In Vancouver Style, the place of publication follows.
- **Electronic Location or Identifier**: Web address or unique, persistent, global identifier used to locate the dataset (such as a DOI). Append the date retrieved if the title and locator are not specific to the exact instance of the data you used.
- **Resource/Medium Type**: The style guide recommends including the type, typically phrased as “data set.”

Example of Citing Medical Datasets

The following citation in Vancouver/Uniform style is based on examples from Citing Medicine, 2nd edition (Chapter 24 Section C “Contributions to Databases on the Internet”).