

Paraplegia

Editorial Announcement

Uniform requirements for manuscripts (the Vancouver style)

From the beginning of 1990, our instructions to Authors printed inside the back cover, will indicate that manuscripts now require to be submitted in the 'uniform (Vancouver) style'*. After considerable discussion and deliberation, it has become clear that the Vancouver style is now firmly established internationally as the generally accepted format for medical journals and is preferred by a majority of contributors. The references should be numbered consecutively in the order in which they appear in the text and identified by arabic numerals in parentheses. The numerical reference citation system now appears to be essential for the full implementation of electronic searching and abstracting systems coming on stream in many libraries. It is our intention that all papers published from the beginning of 1991 will be in the Vancouver format. Inevitably there will be a period of overlap with papers appearing in either format, but we aim to keep this period as short as possible. Occasional papers will appear in the new style, as examples, from mid-1990 and the main change will be from January 1991.

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* British Medical Journal 1988; 296: 401-405.