Data Citation: Vancouver Style* Version 1.0, November 2016

*Vancouver Style and its variations are known alternately as the Vancouver reference style, Uniform Style, and Vancouver system. It is formalized in the style guide *Citing Medicine*.

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").

Simon Robins, Woodward Library, University of British Columbia, wd.ref@ubc.ca