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Hitchings, H., & Gordon, H. Re-feeding syndrome. (2008). In C. Best (Ed.), *Nutrition: A handbook for nurses* (pp. 167-182). Chichester, England: Wiley-Blackwell.

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Leboyer method. (2009). In D. Venes (Ed.), *Taber's cyclopedic medical dictionary (21st ed., p. 1311)*. Philadelphia, PA: F. A. Davis.

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Hulse, R. S., Stuart-Shor, E., & Russo, J. (2010). Endoscopic procedure with a modified Reiki intervention: A pilot study. *Gastroenterology Nursing, 33*, 20-26.

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Hochman, B. (2002). The reading habit and 'The Yellow Wallpaper.' *American Literature, 74*, 89-111. Retrieved from

<http://web.ebscohost.com/ehost/search?vid=1&hid=11&sid=5807095b-b998-48fc-ba02-f23d603010f6%40sessionmgr13>

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Beard, H. (2009, Sep.) The doctor(s) will see you now. *Essence*, 40(5), 157-160.

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Author, A. (Year, month day). Title of article. *Name of newspaper*, p. section number page  
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Wong, Danielle. (2010, January 1). Billboards lure patients south. *Toronto Star*, GT03.

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<http://www.tampatrib.com>

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### **Informally published Web site [7.09.61]**

Author, A. (if available). (Year). *Title of the Web site*. Retrieved from <http://www.xxxxxx>

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Kittle, Peter. (2004). *English 101: Genre Responses*. Retrieved from  
<http://www.csuchico.edu/~pkittle/101/genres.html>

If the author is not available, start with the title. [6.27]

U.S. National Library of Medicine. (2010). *Colonoscopy*. Retrieved from  
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/colonoscopy.html>

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Author, A. (Year, month day). Title of post [Description of form]. Retrieved from  
<http://www.xxxxxx>

Namisha. (2010, February 7). Is there a required age to get a colonoscopy? [Online forum comment]. Retrieved from <http://www.healthcaremagic.com/community/Cancer/Is-there-a-Required-Age-to-get-a-Colonoscopy-/31066>

Stand Up to Cancer. (2008, October 16). Katie Couric's colonoscopy [Video file]. Retrieved from <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=15JsYSZIT-Q>

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