Medical Student
REFERENCE MANAGEMENT TOOLS

GUIDE FOR TOOLS TO CREATE IN-TEXT CITATIONS AND BIBLIOGRAPHIES.

ZOTERO

- **Free and open-source**
- **Works great with PubMed, Google Scholar, and journal websites**
- **Word + Google Docs plugins for fast in-text citations + bibliography**
- **Automatically downloads and attaches PDFs if available**
- **Website: https://www.zotero.org**

MENDELEY

- **Free with optional premium features**
- **Best for PDFs (built-in reader & annotation tools)**
- **Strong integration with Elsevier journals specifically**
- **Word plugin for in-text citations + bibliography**
- **Mobile app for reference access on-the-go**
- **Website: https://www.mendeley.com**

ENDNOTE

- **Paid (Possible institutional access, $150 for students)**
- **Best suited for large-scale or long-term academic projects**
- **Word, Google Docs & Apple Pages plugins for in-text citations directly from articles**
- **NEW AI features to summarize key info from papers, generate outlines from paper topics and more!**
- **Direct export options from databases (E.g.: PubMed)**
- **Complex interface but powerful for advanced users**
- **Website: https://endnote.com/product-details/**

TABLE COMPARING TOOLS:

Feature / Tool	Zotero	Mendeley	EndNote
Cost	Free (limited file storage)	Free (2GB cloud, Elsevier-owned)	Paid (~$100-$250 license)
Ease of Use	Beginner-friendly	Very intuitive	Moderate to advanced learning curve
PubMed Integration	Good with browser connector	Good (via Web Importer)	Great (direct database integration)
Clinical Paper Workflow	Easy saving from journal websites	Built-in PDF viewer & highlights	Customizable reference fields
Word/Google Docs Add-in	Word & Google Docs	Word only	Word only
Annotation Tools	Basic PDF reader	Excellent in-app PDF annotator	Good (via EndNote PDF viewer)
Mobile Access	Read-only apps only	iOS & Android apps	iOS only
Collaboration	Great for shared libraries/groups	Group folders (limited members)	Limited collaboration tools
Custom Citation Styles	Easy to edit & download	Limited editing	Highly customizable
Large Library Handling	Can lag with huge datasets	Slows with 10,000+ refs	Best for very large libraries

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