

Getting started: PsycInfo

- PsycInfo is the largest and most comprehensive psychological bibliography.
- A scholarly psychology database covering periodicals, dissertations, reports, books and selected chapters.

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Subject Search

Searching in PsycInfo should include the use of the Thesaurus. It is activated by entering a term, one at a time, while ticking the box "Map Term to Subject Heading".

Keyword
 Author
 Title
 Journal

depression| Search

Include Multimedia
 Map Term to Subject Heading

You will receive this picture, it offers the possibility to choose the relevant subject and then click to enter Subject Headings.

Select	Subject Heading
<input type="checkbox"/>	Atypical Depression
<input type="checkbox"/>	Beck Depression Inventory
<input type="checkbox"/>	"Depression (Emotion)"
<input type="checkbox"/>	Endogenous Depression
<input type="checkbox"/>	Late Life Depression
<input type="checkbox"/>	"Long-term Depression (Neuronal)"
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Major Depression
<input type="checkbox"/>	Postpartum Depression
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reactive Depression
<input type="checkbox"/>	Recurrent Depression
<input type="checkbox"/>	Treatment Resistant Depression
<input type="checkbox"/>	depression.mp. search as Keyword

Entering the Thesaurus opens the use of explosion (inclusion of subordinated subject headings (subheadings)). This feature is activated by ticking the box "Explode" in the Subject Headings screen. Press 'Continue' to perform the search.

Thesaurus for Major Depression

Combine with: OR AND Continue

Select Term(s)	Subject Heading	Hits	Explode	Focus
<input type="checkbox"/> Mainstreaming		663	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Mainstreaming (Educational)		7232	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance Stage		1429	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance Therapy			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major Depression		143447	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
[Used For]				
	Atypical Depression			
	Depressive Reaction (Neurotic)			
	Dysthymia			
	Melancholia			
	Neurotic Depressive Reaction			
	Psychotic Depressive Reaction			
	Unipolar Depression			
[Broader Terms]				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Affective Disorders	15558	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
[Narrower Terms]				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Anaclitic Depression	68	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cyclothymic Disorder	1521	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Endogenous Depression	1252	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Late Life Depression	897	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Postpartum Depression	5541	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Free text Searching

Remove tick at Map Term to Subject Heading before searching. Beware searching for 2 words in order, will retrieve the phrase e.g., Major depression.

Truncation

The truncation characters are ? or *

Using * will retrieve all possible suffix variations. ? substitutes none ore a single character e.g.. Colo?r

Combining your searches

Search History (3) ^

▲ Searches

- 1 major depression/
- 2 depression.mp. [mp=title, abstract, heading word, table of contents, key concepts, original title, tests & measures, mesh word]
- 3 depressive reaction.mp. [mp=title, abstract, heading word, table of contents, key concepts, original title, tests & measures, mesh word]

Combine with:



Saving the search

In order to save a search in PsycInfo, you will need a profile to the OVID platform. Mark the selected search, click on Save and name your search.

You will find the saved searches under "My Workspace" then "My Searches & alerts".

Search History (4) ^

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- 4 1 or 2 or 3

Combine with:



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Endnote20-Guide (in Danish): <https://libguides.sdu.dk/endnote20>

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