



Getting started PSYCINFO (OVID)

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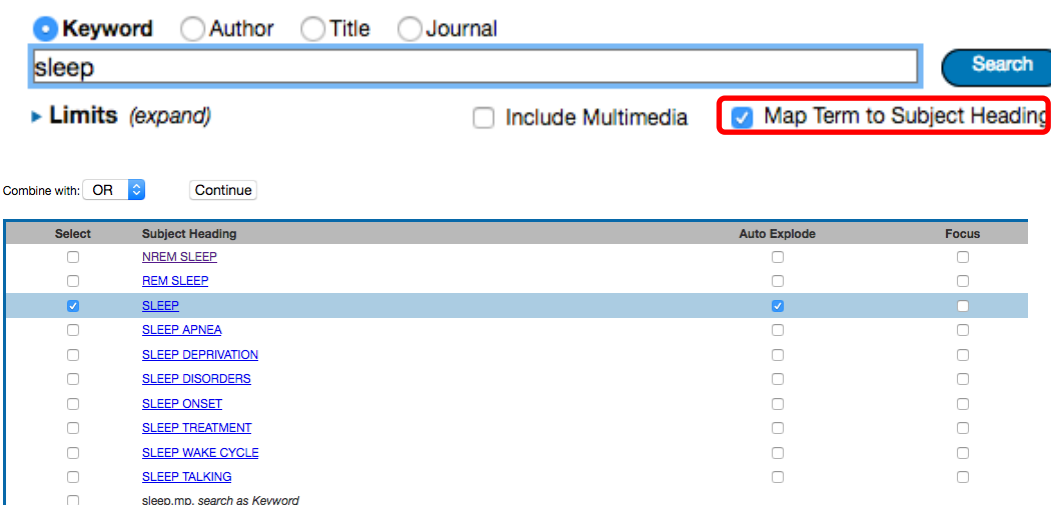
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2 THESAURUS

Searches with **Subject Heading**. 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".

In the example below, we search the term "sleep"

Mapping the term to a subject heading will activate the thesaurus (list of subject headings) and look up subject headings similar to or identical with the search term.



The screenshot shows the search interface with the following elements:

- Search type: Keyword, Author, Title, Journal
- Search term:
- Search button:
- Options: Limits (expand), Include Multimedia, Map Term to Subject Heading
- Combine with:
- Table of Subject Headings:

Select	Subject Heading	Auto Explode	Focus
<input type="checkbox"/>	NREM SLEEP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	REM SLEEP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SLEEP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	SLEEP APNEA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	SLEEP DEPRIVATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	SLEEP DISORDERS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	SLEEP ONSET	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	SLEEP TREATMENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	SLEEP WAKE CYCLE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	SLEEP TALKING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	sleep.mp. search as Keyword		

A definition of terms appears by clicking "I" under the "Scope Note" column.

By ticking the box for the selected subject heading in the 'Explode' column, the search will include possible subordinated subject headings. By ticking the box in the "Focus" column, the search will be limited to articles where your subject is assessed as central. This feature is suitable when limiting a large amount of information.

3 STANDARD OR FREE TEXT SEARCHING

We recommend that you search in **Advanced Search** because you can make more specific and systematic searches. You may search with the following:

[Keyword](#) [Author](#) [Title](#) [Journal](#) as well as mapping to Subject Heading (Thesaurus)

Searching in keywords, means using your own search terms (Free Text Searching) and you can combine these with Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT). e.g. H1N1 AND (OSELTAMIVIR OR TAMIFLU).

Please note that combined words without the use of Boolean operators, means Ovid searches your words as a phrase.

Use \$ or * for truncation. * in the end of search terms, and \$ to replace a single letter.

We recommend that you combine your free text searches with the Thesaurus searches by using Boolean operators OR or AND in the "Search history".

Basic search: Enter a question or phrase. Search results are displayed in order of relevance. Search terms are listed in the left under 'Search information' and can provide inspiration for an Advanced Search.

Find Citation: in her, you can search for specific sources e.g. a title or an author.

See the guideline on advanced search techniques on Ovid databases.

4 LIMITS

Limit your search by periods, age, language etc. using the feature 'Filter by' in the menu to the left under 'Results tools'. There are more limitation possibilities in "limits (Expand)" and even more in "Additional Limits".

The screenshot shows the search interface with the following elements:

- Search input: "Enter keyword or phrase (* or \$ for truncation)" with a search button.
- Search criteria: Radio buttons for Keyword (selected), Author, Title, and Journal.
- Limits section: A dropdown menu for "Limits (close)" with checkboxes for "Include Multimedia" and "Map Term to Subject Heading".
- Filter options: Checkboxes for Full Text, Human, Latest Update, Cochrane Library, Abstracts, and English Language.
- Publication Year: Two dropdown menus for selecting a range.
- Status and NLM Status: Two scrollable lists of options.
- Buttons: "Additional Limits" and "Edit Limits".

5 DISPLAY AND SAVE SEARCH RESULTS

Save your search history by ticking "Save/Save all". This feature will direct you to a login window where you can create a personal account.

After log-in you can save your search in 'My workspace' in "My Searches & Alerts".

It is possible to save selected items only, by clicking on "Keep selected". This creates a new search, which will be displayed for further processing in "Search history".

6. EXPORT OF REFERENCES

Export all or selected references to e.g. EndNote.

Export Citation(s)

Selected: 1-10
Total: 10

Format:
EndNote

Fields:
Complete Reference

Include:
 Link to External Resolver
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Cancel Export

Click on 'Export' after selecting 'All' or individual references. In this menu you can choose "Export to EndNote" or "Export to Ris" and "Complete Reference". Finally click on "Export Citations". For Mac users: the references will be placed in downloads. To Import references, use the import filter "Embase (OvidSP)" or "Reference Manager (RIS)".

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