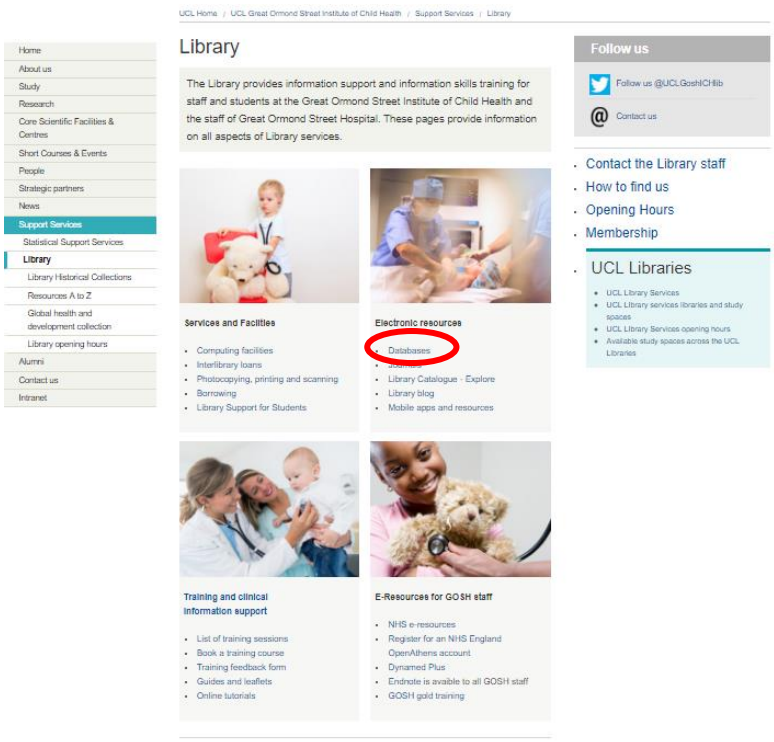
PsycINFO on OvidSP

PsycINFO is an electronic bibliographic database that provides abstracts and citations for the scholarly literature in the fields of behavioural sciences and mental health. It contains more than 4 million references to peer-reviewed literature from the early 1800s–present.

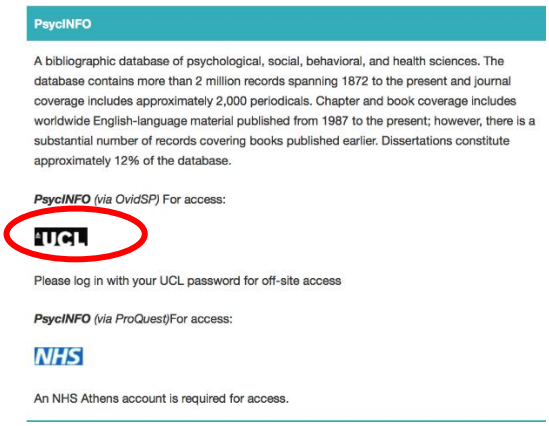
Accessing PsycINFO on Ovid

- Go to the library website at: https://www.ucl.ac.uk/child-health/support-services/library



Under Electronic resources select **Databases**

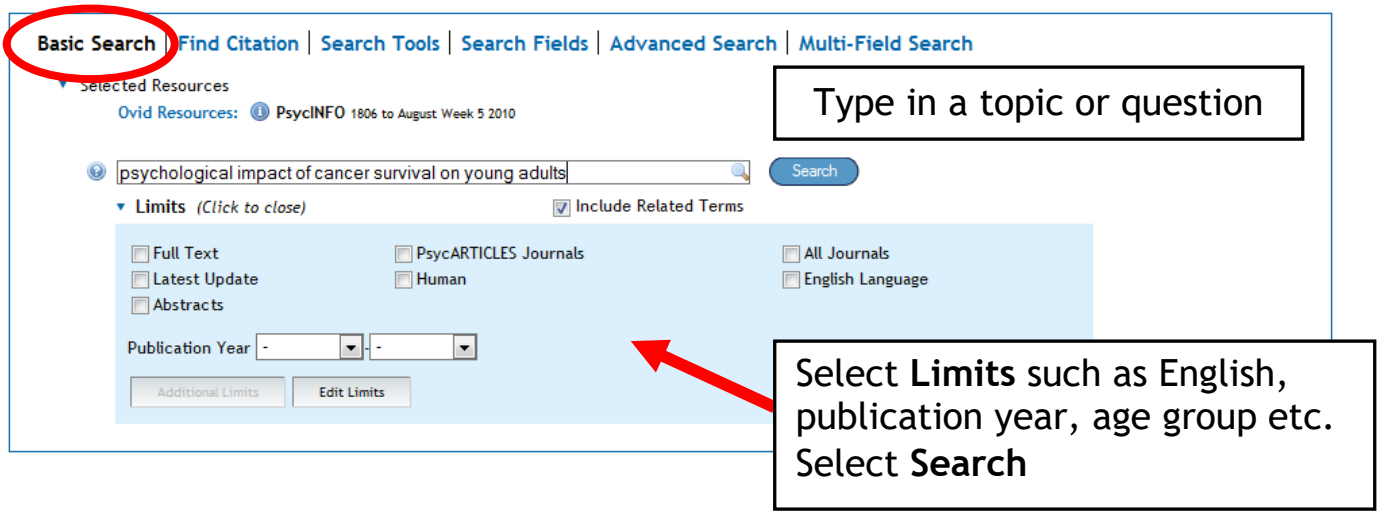
- Find and click on **PsycINFO** and then click on the **UCL logo**



Offsite, enter your UCL username and password

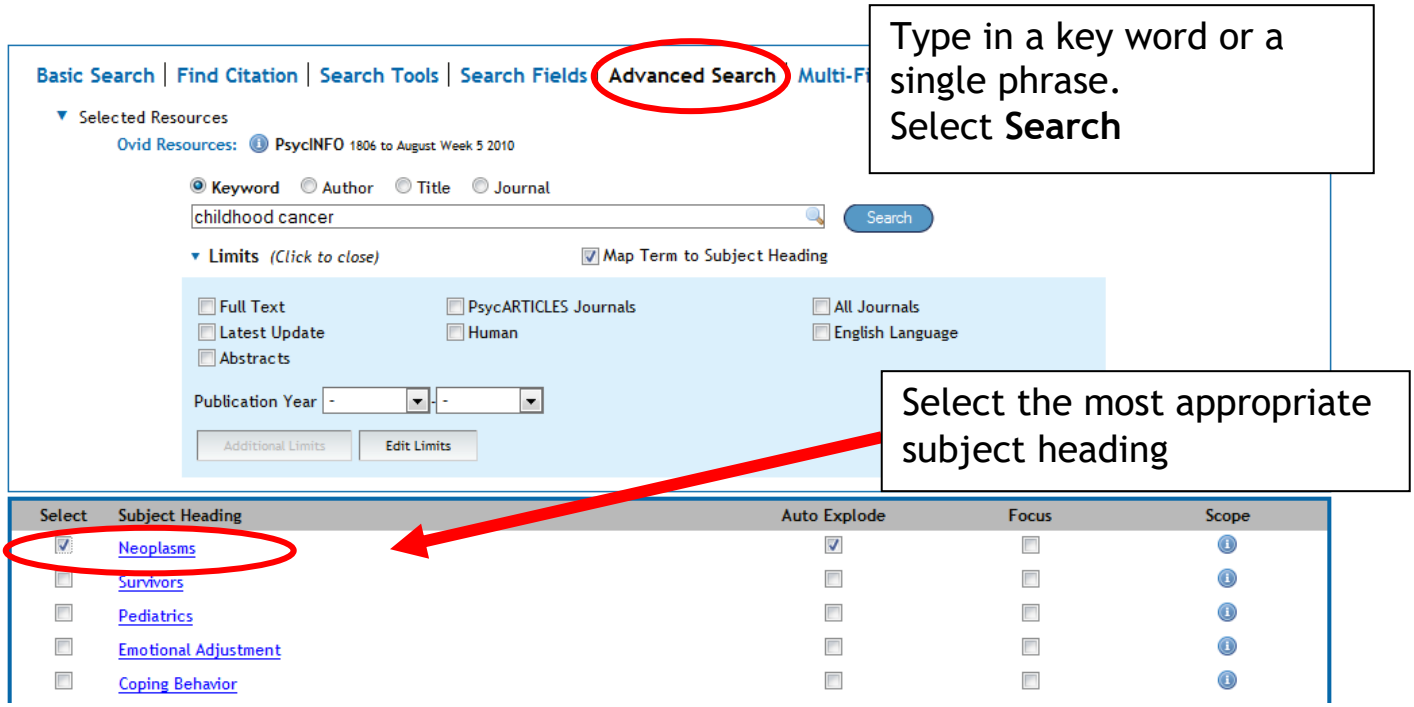
Basic Search

Use for a quick search, where a comprehensive search is not required. Enter your topic or question in ordinary English



Advanced Search

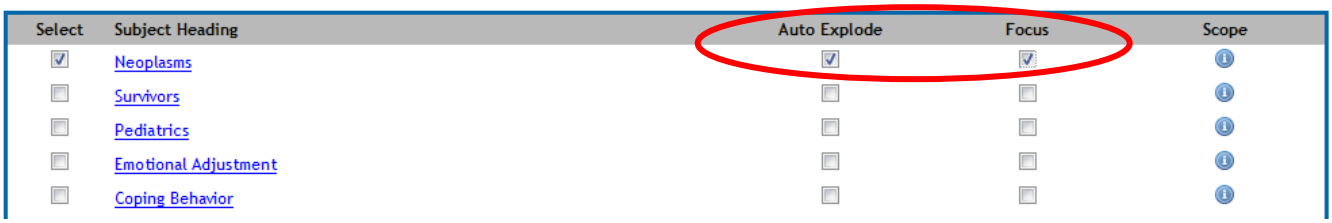
Use Advanced Search for a more comprehensive search using medical subject headings. (This is the default search screen.)



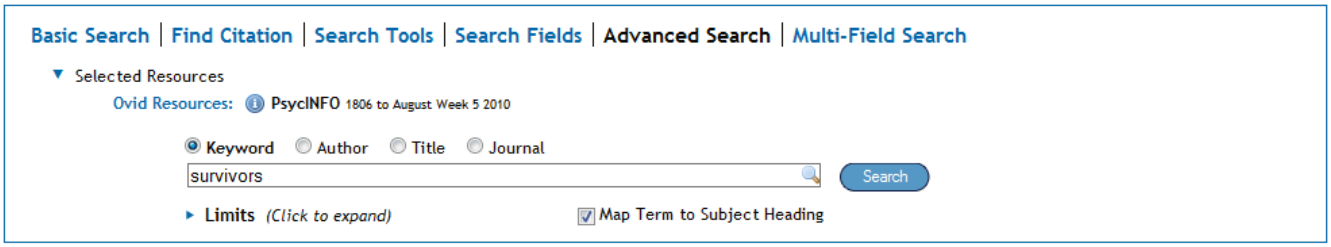
Refining a search
The options for refining a search include:

• **Explode** –to search all the narrower subject headings under the selected subject heading.
Note: PsycINFO automatically explodes the selected subject heading. To select the subject heading without exploding, untick the "Auto Explode" box.

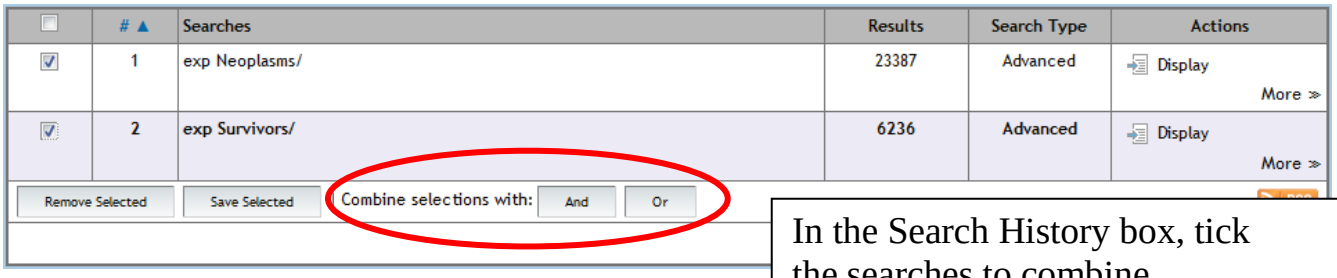
• **Focus** – to limit a search to articles where the selected subject is the focus of the articles



Adding another search term
To enter another search term, e.g. survivors, type in a word or phrase and follow the steps used for the "cancer childhood" search.



Combining search results
Once you have entered more than one search, you can combine search sets.
Applying limits



In the Search History box, tick the searches to combine
Select **Combine selections** with **AND** or **OR**

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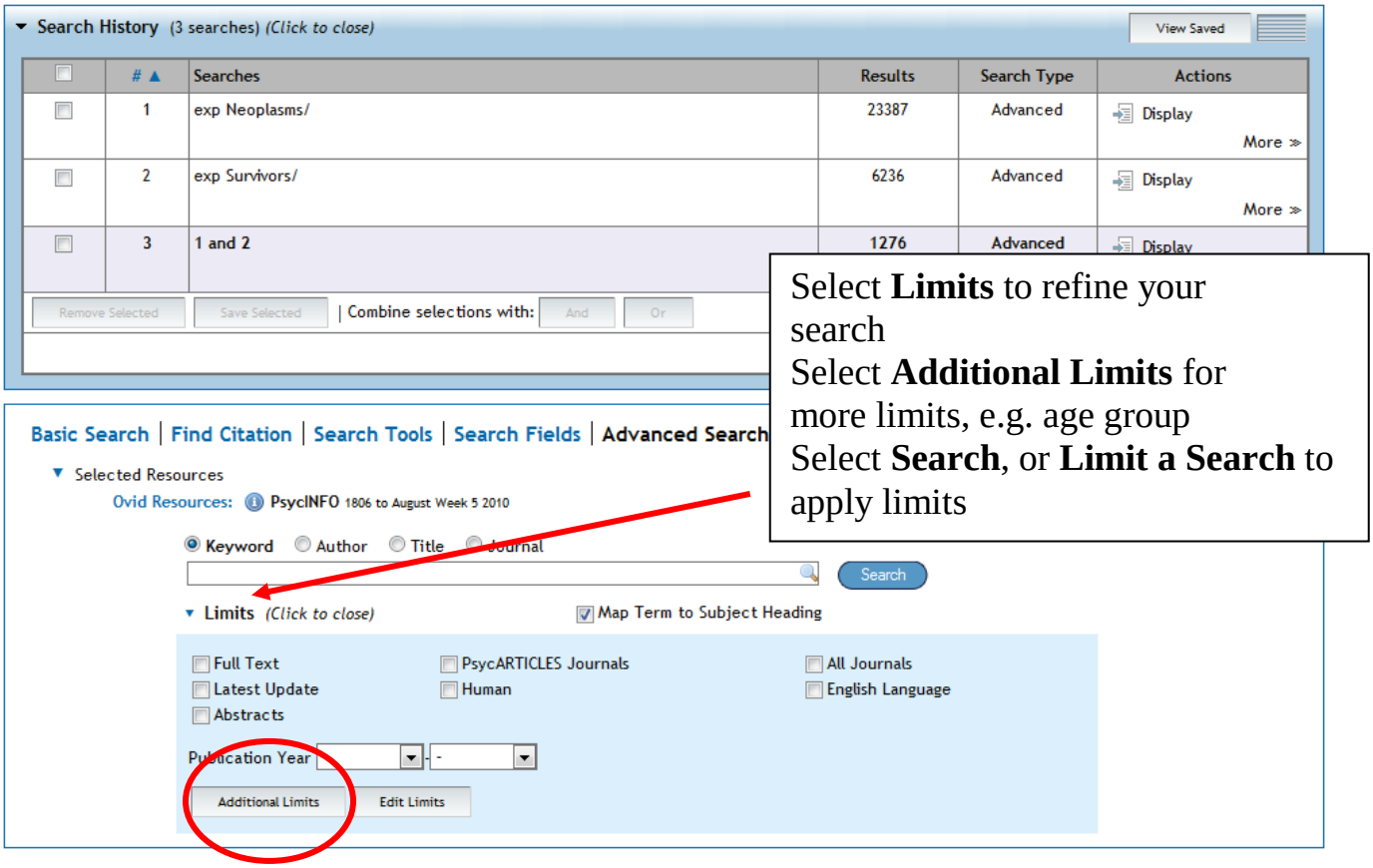
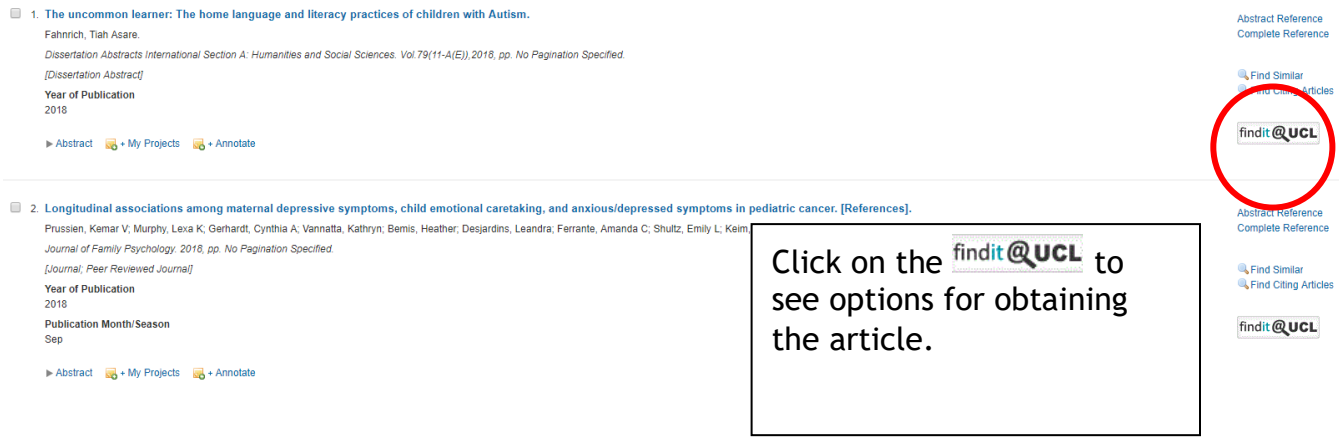


Displaying results

To display search results, select Display Results.

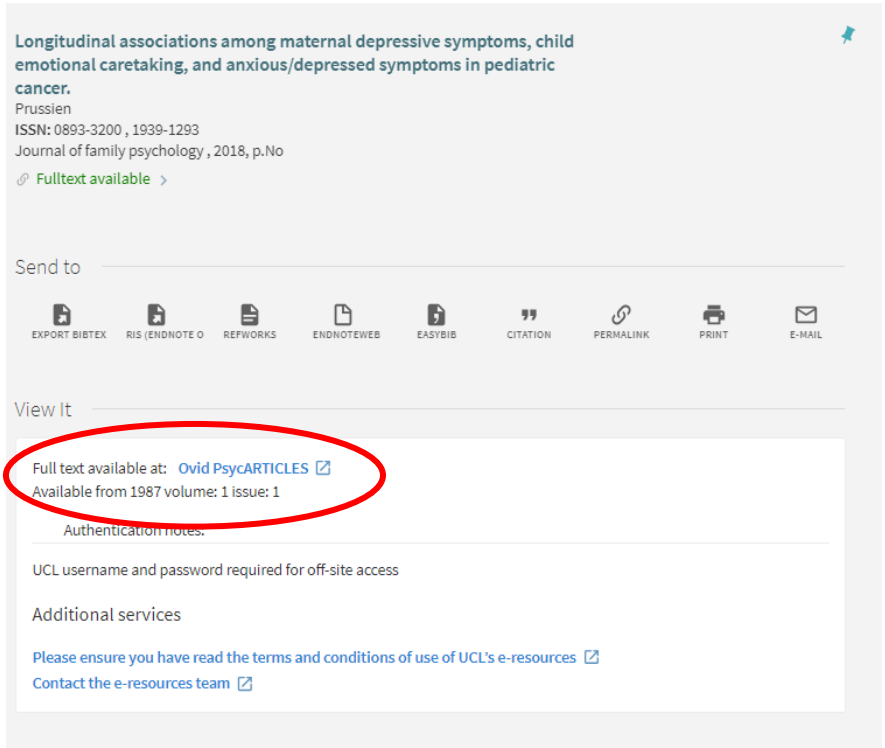
Accessing articles

A number of full text articles can be accessed from the Ovid databases via the findit@UCL link.



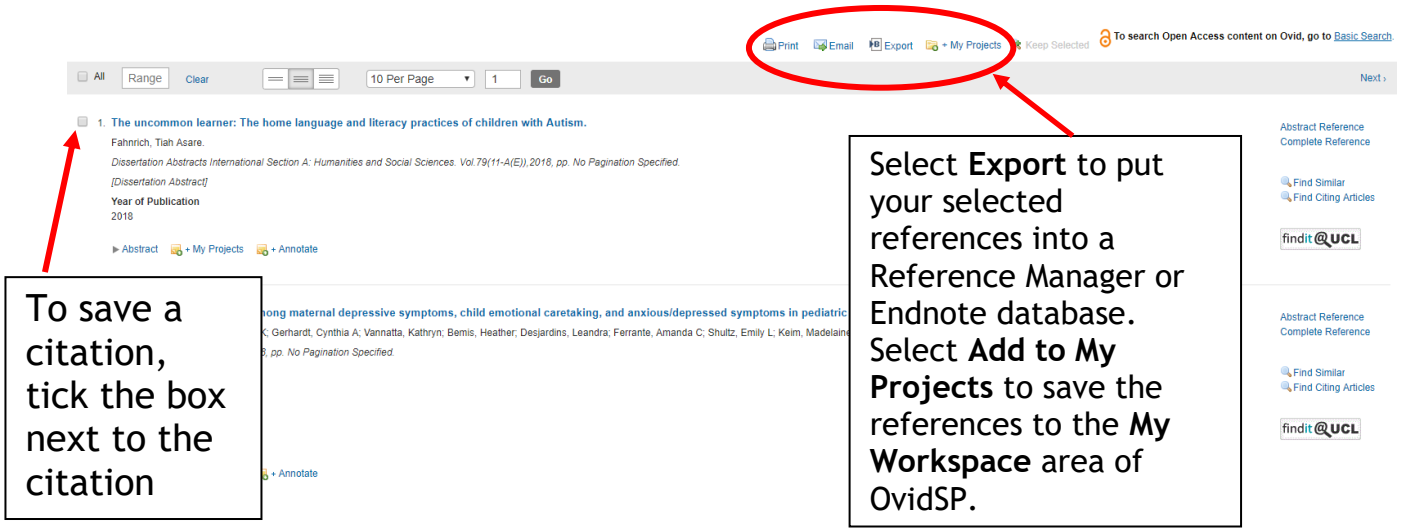
Click on the findit@UCL to see options for obtaining the article.

Follow the findit@UCL link, which displays links to library holdings of print versions of the article in question, as well as to available, on-line, electronic versions. Click on the publisher to view the full-text article.



Managing search results

Tick the box next to any citations you wish to save or export. You can then choose to print, email, export or save the citation



To save a citation, tick the box next to the citation

Select **Export** to put your selected references into a Reference Manager or Endnote database. Select **Add to My Projects** to save the references to the **My Workspace** area of OvidSP.

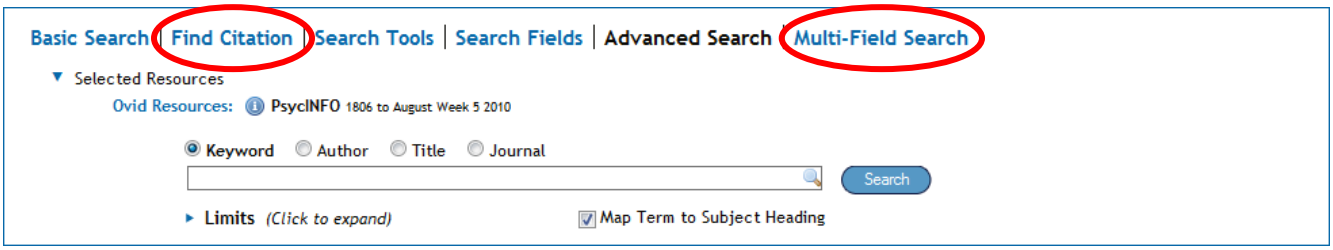
Saving a search

Click on **Save All** beneath the Search History box

Tips:

- The first time you save a search, you will need to set up a personal account. Click on **My Account**, then **Create Account** and follow the prompts. Use your personal username/password to access your saved searches.
- Always save searches as Permanent rather than Temporary. Temporary searches will be deleted after 24 hours.
- Saving a search as an AutoAlert (SDI) means you will be emailed any new citations that are added when the databases are updated.

Additional features of PsycINFO (OvidSP)



Find Citation

Use this feature to quickly locate a specific journal article, where you have some information, such as author, article title, journal title etc.

Multi-Field Search

Use this feature for a quick, basic search. Multi Field search enables you to search using multiple search terms. Enter your search term(s) and select from the drop-down lists on the right to specify the field to search, e.g. abstract. Use the drop-down lists on the left to combine your search terms with AND or OR. Library staff recommend you always use Advanced Search as the preferred option.

For further assistance with searching PsycINFO, contact the UCL Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health Library on 020 7905 2847 or email: ich.library@ucl.ac.uk