

PsycINFO Database Searching Guide (via ProQuest)

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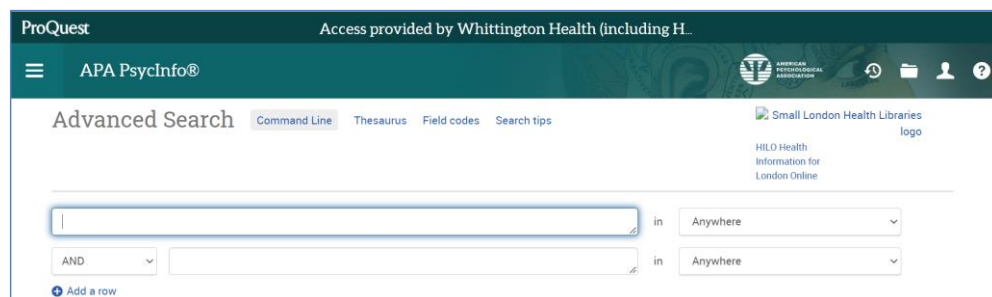
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A. Accessing the PsycINFO Database and Creating a Personal Account

Accessing the NHS Library and Knowledge Hub and PsycINFO

- Go to the NHS Library and Knowledge Hub (KHub) and click on <https://library.nhs.uk/knowledgehub/>, then click on "Start your Search". At the top of the page, click on the link highlighted in yellow that reads, "Sign into NHS Open Athens for full access".
- If you do not have an NHS Open Athens account or it needs renewing, click on the link that says "Register for an NHS Open Athens" or alternatively go to <https://openathens.nice.org.uk/>.
- Once you have logged in you can do a quick search in the KHub search box or go down to the bottom of the page to "In-depth Searching" and click on "PsycINFO".

This will take you to PsycINFO provided by **ProQuest** front page:



ProQuest Access provided by Whittington Health (including H...

APA PsycInfo®

Advanced Search Command Line Thesaurus Field codes Search tips

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HILO Health Information for London Online

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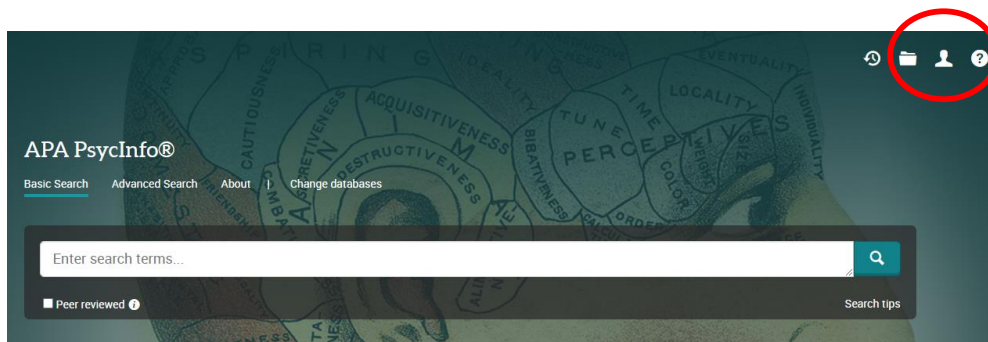
AND [] in [Anywhere]

Add a row

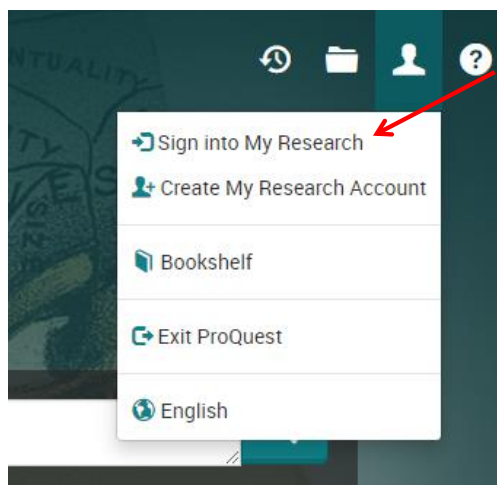


You will first need to **create a personal/research account to save your searches and results**. (If you already have a personal account, log in now).

Click on the person icon in the top right corner:



From here, either **sign into your existing Research Account**, or select **'Create My Research Account'**:

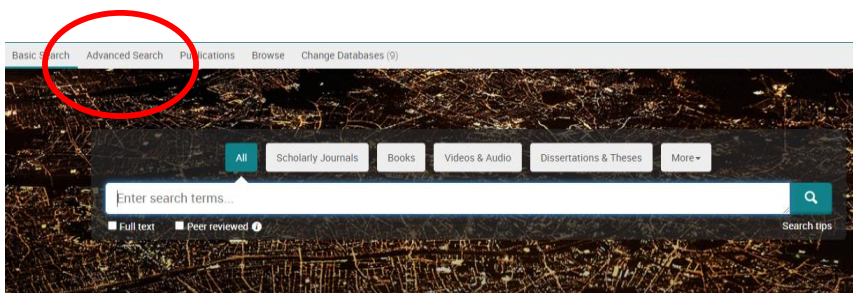


B: Searching for Terms

To get back to the ProQuest front page, click on the ProQuest icon on the top left:



1. To start a search, click on 'Advanced Search':



2. You can now start entering your search terms in the fields:

Advanced Search
Command Line
Thesaurus
Field codes
Search tips

in
Anywhere

AND
in
Anywhere

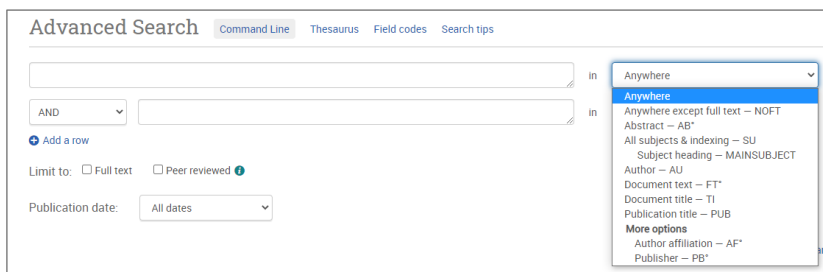
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Limit to:
☐ Full text
☐ Peer reviewed

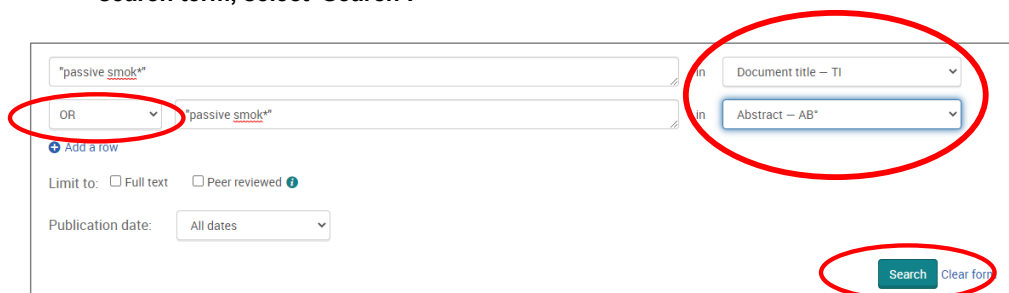
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All dates



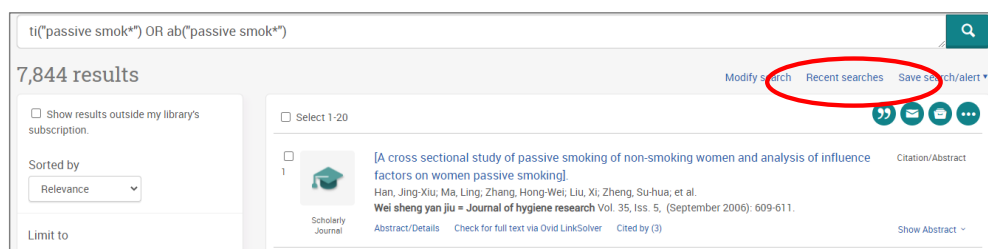
3. To select which fields you would like to search, use the drop-down menus. You can choose to search anywhere in an item's record, or narrow your search down to specific fields:



4. If you want to search more than one specific field, for example, Title and Abstract, you need to search for these on separate rows using 'OR'. Once you've entered your search term, select 'Search':



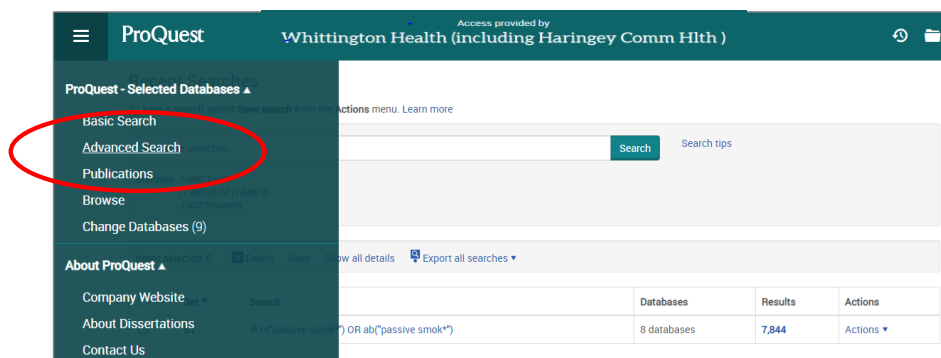
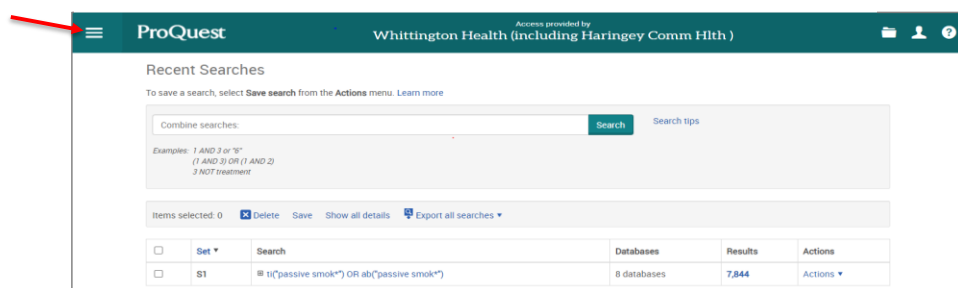
5. This will take you to the results page. To see your current search, click on 'Recent Searches':



This will show you your search strategy so far.



6. To search further, you will need to get back to the **Advanced Search** by clicking on the **three lines** on the top left-hand corner:



Advanced Search [Command Line](#) [Recent searches](#) [Thesaurus](#) [Field codes](#) [Search tips](#)

secondhand smok OR *second hand smok* in Document title – TI

OR *secondhand smok* OR *second hand smok* in Abstract – AB*

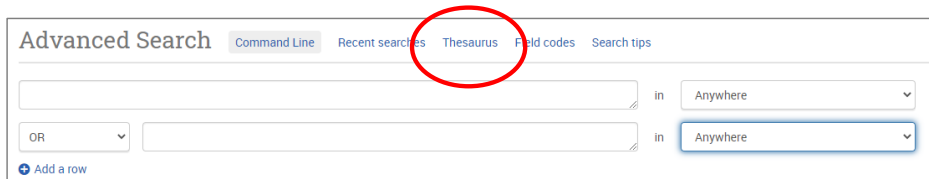
[Add a row](#)

Repeat steps 1-6 for all keywords.

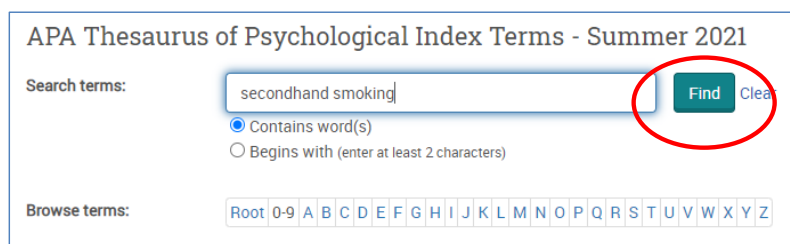


C: Searching for Subject Headings

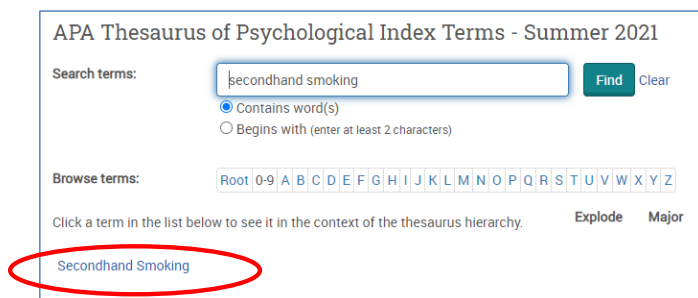
7. To search for Subject Headings, select **Thesaurus** from the menu bar. *Make sure to clear the search fields of previous keyword searches:*



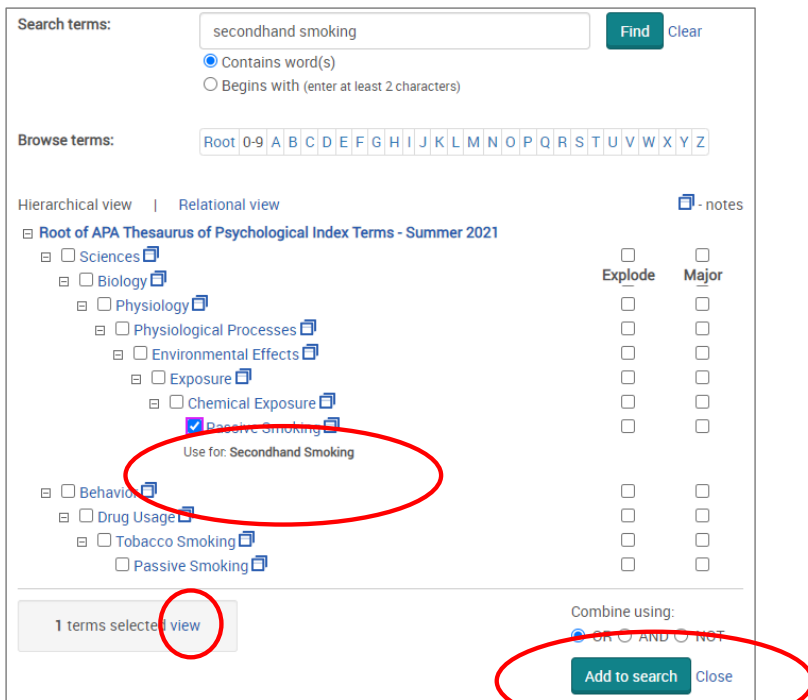
8. Type in what subject headings you want to search for and click 'Find':



9. The Thesaurus may have exactly what you're looking for, or offer suggestions to other subjects – have a go at searching for alternative terms too. **Click on the relevant heading if there is one:**



10. Tick the term(s) you want to use and click on 'Add to search'. The Thesaurus will suggest broader and narrower terms, which you can also select, or click on the notes icon to find out more about each term:



Search terms:

☒ Contains word(s)
☐ Begins with (enter at least 2 characters)

Browse terms:

Hierarchical view | Relational view

☒ Root of APA Thesaurus of Psychological Index Terms - Summer 2021

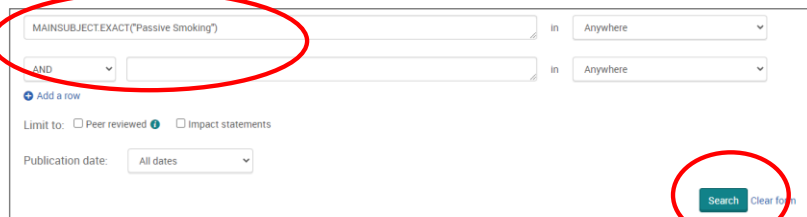
- ☐ Sciences
 - ☐ Biology
 - ☐ Physiology
 - ☐ Physiological Processes
 - ☐ Environmental Effects
 - ☐ Exposure
 - ☐ Chemical Exposure
 - ☒ Passive Smoking
Use for: Secondhand Smoking

- ☐ Behavior
- ☐ Drug Usage
 - ☐ Tobacco Smoking
 - ☐ Passive Smoking

1 terms selected

Combine using: ☒ OR ☐ AND ☐ NOT

11. This will add the subject heading to the search field. Click 'Search' to search for the subject heading:



in

in

Limit to: ☐ Peer reviewed ☐ Impact statements

Publication date:

Repeat steps 7-11 for all subject headings.



12. Head back to your Recent Searches (by clicking “Recent Searches”– see Step 5) to combine your search terms.

D: Combining Search Terms and Subject Headings

13. Combine your terms and subject headings by typing OR between the line numbers you want to combine (without the preceding ‘S’) E.g., 1 OR 2 OR 3
Then click ‘Search’:

Recent Searches

To save a search, select **Save search** from the **Actions** menu. [Learn more](#)

1 OR 2 OR 3

Search

Search tips

Examples: 1 AND 3 or "6"
1 AND 2 OR 3 AND 2
3 NOT treatment

Items selected: 0 [Delete](#) [Save](#) [Show all details](#) [Export all searches](#) [Saved searches \(0\)](#)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Set	Search	Databases	Results	Actions
<input type="checkbox"/>	S3	@ MAINSUBJECT.EXACT("Passive Smoking")	APA PsycInfo®	923	Actions
<input type="checkbox"/>	S2	@ ti("secondhand smok*" OR "second hand smok*" OR ab("secondhand smok*" OR "second hand smok*"))	APA PsycInfo®	1,181	Actions
<input type="checkbox"/>	S1	@ ti("passive smok*" OR ab("passive smok*"))	APA PsycInfo®	363	Actions

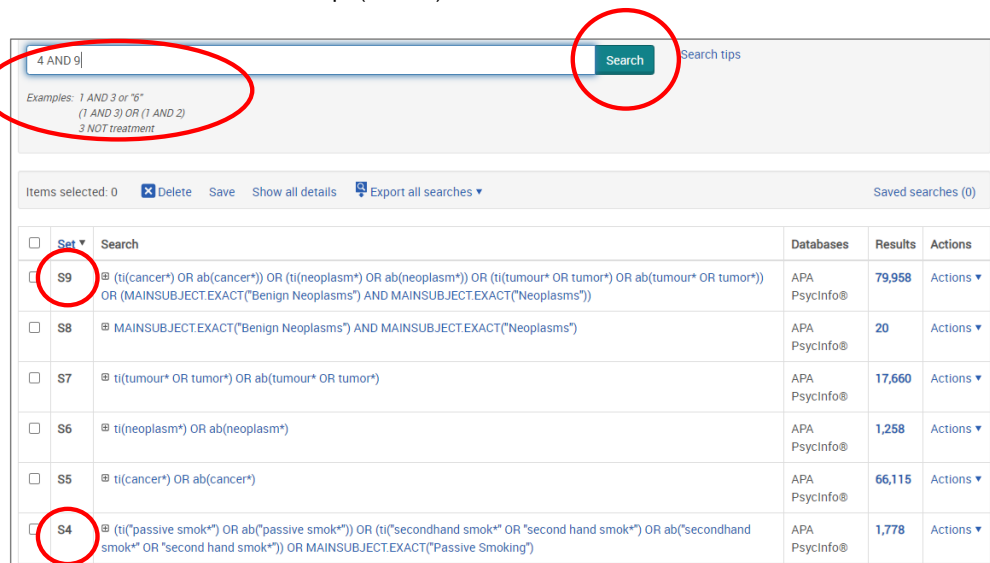
14. Head back to ‘Recent Searches’ to view your strategy so far, including the results for the first concept (Line 4 in the example below):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Set	Search	Databases	Results	Actions
<input type="checkbox"/>	S4	@ (ti("passive smok*" OR ab("passive smok*")) OR (ti("secondhand smok*" OR "second hand smok*" OR ab("secondhand smok*" OR "second hand smok*")) OR MAINSUBJECT.EXACT("Passive Smoking"))	APA PsycInfo®	1,778	Actions
<input type="checkbox"/>	S3	@ MAINSUBJECT.EXACT("Passive Smoking")	APA PsycInfo®	923	Actions
<input type="checkbox"/>	S2	@ ti("secondhand smok*" OR "second hand smok*" OR ab("secondhand smok*" OR "second hand smok*"))	APA PsycInfo®	1,181	Actions
<input type="checkbox"/>	S1	@ ti("passive smok*" OR ab("passive smok*"))	APA PsycInfo®	363	Actions

Repeat steps 2-14 to search for the rest of your concepts.



15. Once you have searched all your concepts, combine them using 'AND' and click 'Search'. In the below example, line 4 combines the results for one concept (passive smoking) and line 9 for the second concept (cancer):



4 AND 9

Examples: 1 AND 3 or "6"
(1 AND 3) OR (1 AND 2)
3 NOT treatment

Search

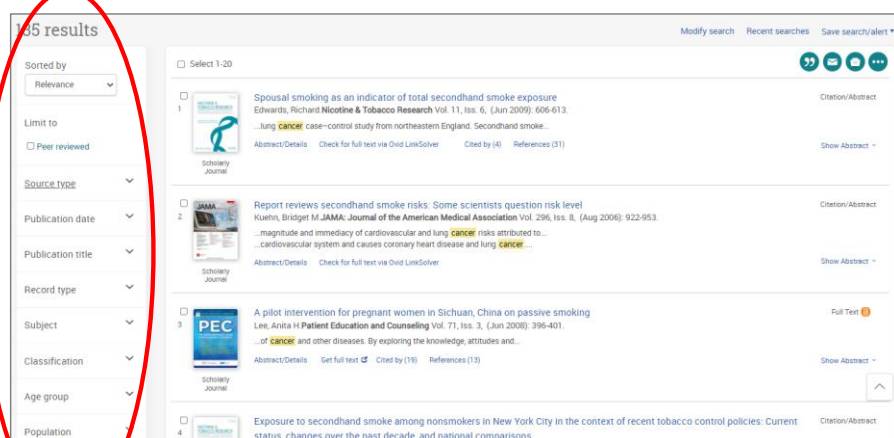
Search tips

Items selected: 0 [Delete](#) [Save](#) [Show all details](#) [Export all searches](#) Saved searches (0)

<input type="checkbox"/> Set	Search	Databases	Results	Actions
<input type="checkbox"/> S9	@ (ti(cancer*) OR ab(cancer*)) OR (ti(neoplasm*) OR ab(neoplasm*)) OR (ti(tumour* OR tumor*) OR ab(tumour* OR tumor*)) OR (MAINSUBJECT.EXACT("Benign Neoplasms") AND MAINSUBJECT.EXACT("Neoplasms"))	APA PsycInfo®	79,958	Actions ▼
<input type="checkbox"/> S8	@ MAINSUBJECT.EXACT("Benign Neoplasms") AND MAINSUBJECT.EXACT("Neoplasms")	APA PsycInfo®	20	Actions ▼
<input type="checkbox"/> S7	@ ti(tumour* OR tumor*) OR ab(tumour* OR tumor*)	APA PsycInfo®	17,660	Actions ▼
<input type="checkbox"/> S6	@ ti(neoplasm*) OR ab(neoplasm*)	APA PsycInfo®	1,258	Actions ▼
<input type="checkbox"/> S5	@ ti(cancer*) OR ab(cancer*)	APA PsycInfo®	66,115	Actions ▼
<input type="checkbox"/> S4	@ (ti("passive smok*") OR ab("passive smok*")) OR (ti("secondhand smok*" OR "second hand smok*") OR ab("secondhand smok*" OR "second hand smok*")) OR MAINSUBJECT.EXACT("Passive Smoking")	APA PsycInfo®	1,778	Actions ▼

E: Filtering and Saving Results

16. On the results page, you can filter down your results by publication date, language, gender etc. on the left-hand side options bar:



155 results

Sorted by: Relevance

Limit to: ☐ Peer reviewed

Source type: ☐ Peer reviewed

Publication date: ☐ Peer reviewed

Publication title: ☐ Peer reviewed

Record type: ☐ Peer reviewed

Subject: ☐ Peer reviewed

Classification: ☐ Peer reviewed

Age group: ☐ Peer reviewed

Population: ☐ Peer reviewed

Modify search Recent searches Save search/alert

Select 1-20

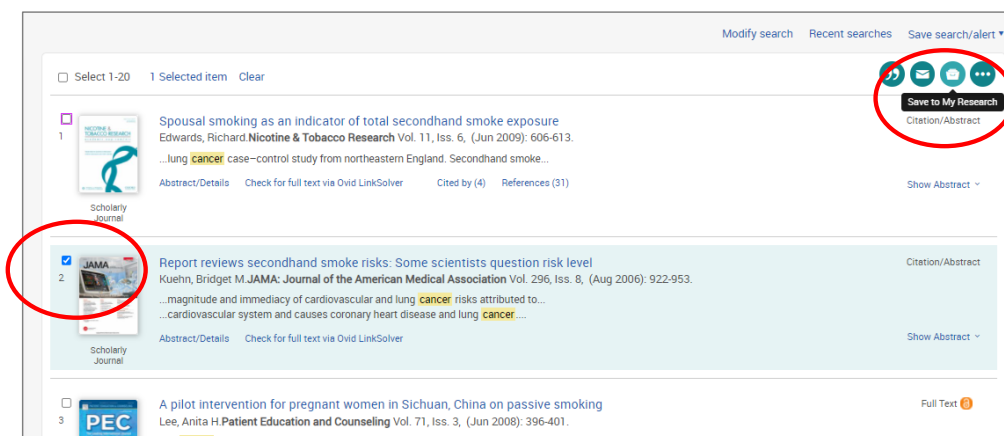
1 Spousal smoking as an indicator of total secondhand smoke exposure
Edwards, Richard *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* Vol. 11, Iss. 6, (Jun 2009): 606-613.
...lung cancer case-control study from northeastern England. Secondhand smoke...
Abstract/Details Check for full text via Ovid LinkSolver Cited by (4) References (31) Show Abstract -

2 Report reviews secondhand smoke risks: Some scientists question risk level
Kuehn, Bridget M. *JAMA: Journal of the American Medical Association* Vol. 296, Iss. 8, (Aug 2006): 922-953.
...magnitude and immediacy of cardiovascular and lung cancer risks attributed to...
...cardiovascular system and causes coronary heart disease and lung cancer...
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3 A pilot intervention for pregnant women in Sichuan, China on passive smoking
Lee, Anita H *Patient Education and Counseling* Vol. 71, Iss. 3, (Jun 2008): 396-401.
...of cancer and other diseases. By exploring the knowledge, attitudes and...
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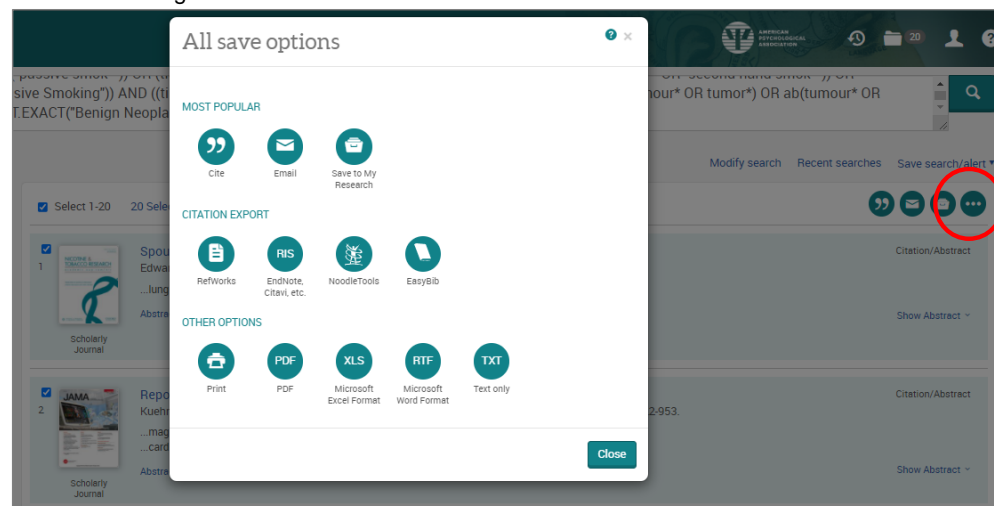
4 Exposure to secondhand smoke among nonsmokers in New York City in the context of recent tobacco control policies: Current status, changes over the past decade, and national comparisons
Citation/Abstract

17. You can save individual results by ticking their selection box and clicking the 'Save to My Research' icon. These results will now be saved in your 'My Research' folder:

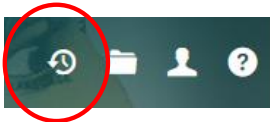


18. To export results, select the results you would like to export and click on the 3 dots to view all save options.





From here you can save your results in your Research Folder, send them via email, export to reference management software or save them as PDF:



19. As well as saving the results, **we highly recommend saving your search**. To view your search, head back to your Recent Searches by clicking the clock icon:



20. Select the search lines and click ‘Save’:

Items selected: 10  Delete  Save  Show all details  Export all searches ▼

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Set ▼	Search
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	S10	@ ((ti("passive smok*") OR ab("passive smok*")) OR (ti("secondhand smok*" OR "second hand smok*") OR ab("secondhand smok*" OR "second hand MAINSUBJECT.EXACT("Passive Smoking") AND ((ti(cancer*) OR ab(cancer*)) OR (ti(neoplasm*) OR ab(neoplasm*)) OR (ti(tumour* OR tumor*) OR a tumor*)) OR (MAINSUBJECT.EXACT("Benign Neoplasms") AND MAINSUBJECT.EXACT("Neoplasms"))))
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	S9	@ (ti(cancer*) OR ab(cancer*)) OR (ti(neoplasm*) OR ab(neoplasm*)) OR (ti(tumour* OR tumor*) OR ab(tumour* OR tumor*)) OR (MAINSUBJECT.EXA Neoplasms") AND MAINSUBJECT.EXACT("Neoplasms"))
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	S8	@ MAINSUBJECT.EXACT("Benign Neoplasms") AND MAINSUBJECT.EXACT("Neoplasms")
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	S7	@ ti(tumour* OR tumor*) OR ab(tumour* OR tumor*)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	S6	@ ti(neoplasm*) OR ab(neoplasm*)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	S5	@ ti(cancer*) OR ab(cancer*)

21. Give your search strategy a name and add comments if you wish. Click ‘Save’:

Save search to My Research

Name your search:

Passive Smoking and Cancer

Add a note: (optional)

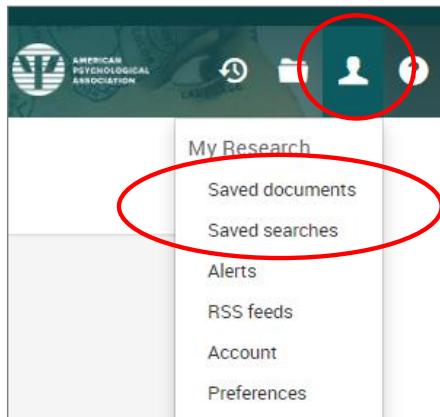
Version 1

Cancel

Save



22. You can access your saved searches and saved results from your account menu:



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