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### MPH Principles of Public Health: PsycINFO

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## PsycINFO

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PsycINFO offers similar but not quite as robust features as PubMed. The graphic below displays a search on “Diabetes” with limits applied and with some key elements identified:

The screenshot displays the PsycINFO search interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with options: "New Search", "Thesaurus", "Citation Matcher", and "More". The search bar contains the query "MM 'Diabetes'" and includes "Search" and "Clear" buttons. Below the search bar, there are three rows for adding more search terms, each with an "AND" operator and a "Select a Field (optional)" dropdown. A "Search History" link is visible below the search rows. On the left side, a sidebar shows "375 Results for..." with the Boolean/Phrase "MM 'Diabetes'" and a "Limiters" section. The "Limiters" section includes "Publication Year from: 2010-2010" and "Peer Reviewed". Below the limiters is a "Refine your results" section with checkboxes for "Linked Full Text", "References Available", and "Peer Reviewed" (which is checked). At the bottom of the sidebar, there is a "Publication Date" filter set to "2010". The main search results area shows two results. The first result is "Diabetes, related conditions, and dementia." by Luchsinger, José A., from the Journal of the Neurological Sciences, Vol 299(1-2), Dec 1. The second result is "Inhibition of inducible nitric oxide synthase reverses the loss" by Mishra, Anusha; Newman, Eric A., from the journal GliA, Vol 58(16), Dec, 2010. Both results include a "Relevancy" score and "Cited References" count. Arrows point to various elements: the "Thesaurus" link, the search bar, the "Search History" link, the "Refine your results" section, the "Peer Reviewed" checkbox, and the "Publication Date" filter.

**Exercise:** Review the topics listed below. With the guidance of the instructor identify two (2) topics that interest you. Search the topics in PsycInfo using the Thesaurus, and then limiting to (1) peer reviewed journal articles; (2) the sole year of 2010:

- Adolescent fathers
- Alcoholism
- Asperger Syndrome
- Beck Depression Inventory
- Child neglect

Cognitive bias  
 Developmental disabilities  
 Diabetes Mellitus  
 Fetal Alcohol Syndrome  
 Health care policy  
 Motivational Interviewing  
 Obesity  
 Partner Abuse  
 Racial and ethnic groups  
 Rural environments  
 Sexually transmitted disease  
 Suicide

**ASSESSMENT:**

Dr. Eldredge will review the histories you email him from your PsycINFO searches and offer feedback using the following assessment rubrics:

**Search One: (Subject) \_\_\_\_\_:**

Activity	Correct?
Began with and correctly used the PsycInfo Thesaurus	5
Selected a single appropriate Thesaurus term	3
Restricted to Major Concept	2
Limited to peer reviewed journal articles	2
Limited to only the year 2010	2
Copied and pasted best search in email and successfully sent to <jeldredge@salud.unm.edu>	6

Score (one point per “yes”) = \_\_\_\_\_ (20 possible points)

Suggestions for Improvement:

**Search Two: (Subject) \_\_\_\_\_:**

Activity	Correct?
Began with and correctly used the PsycInfo Thesaurus	5
Selected a single appropriate Thesaurus term	3
Restricted to Major Concept	2
Limited to peer reviewed journal articles	2
Limited to only the year 2010	2
Copied and pasted best search in email and successfully sent to <jeldredge@salud.unm.edu>	6

Score (one point per “yes”) = \_\_\_\_\_ (20 possible points)

Suggestions for Improvement:

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_