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## **MPH Principles of Public Health: PsycINFO Handout**

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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". A white arrow points to the "Thesaurus" option. Below the navigation bar, the search area includes the EBSCO logo, the text "Searching: PsycINFO | Choose Databases", and a search input field containing "MM 'Diabetes'". There are three rows of search filters, each with an "AND" dropdown and a "Select a Field (optional)" dropdown. A "Search" button and a "Clear" button are visible. Below the search area, there are links for "Basic Search", "Advanced Search", and "Search History".

The main search results area shows "535 Results for..." and a list of results. A white arrow points to the "535 Results for..." text. The first result is titled "Serum leptin and cognitive function in people with Type 2 diabetes." and includes the authors "Labad, Javier Price, Jacqueline F. Strachan, Mark W. J. Deary, Ian J. Seckl, Jonathan R. Satta" and the journal "Type 2 Diabetes Study (ET2DS) Investigators; Neurobiology of Aging, Vol 33(12), Dec, 2011". A white arrow points to the journal title. The second result is titled "Promoting self-management in diabetes: Efficacy of a collaborative car" and includes the author "Sieber, William Newsome, Alita Lillie, Dustin" and the journal "Families, Systems, & Health, Vol 30(4), Dec, 2012". A white arrow points to the journal title.

On the left side, there is a "Refine Search" panel. It shows "535 Results for..." and a "Boolean/Phrase: MM 'Diabetes'" section. Below that, there are "Limiters" with checkboxes for "Published Date: 20120101-20121231", "Peer Reviewed", and "English". A white arrow points to the "Peer Reviewed" checkbox. Below the limiters, there is a "Refine your results" section with checkboxes for "Linked Full Text", "References Available", and "Peer Reviewed". A white arrow points to the "Peer Reviewed" checkbox. At the bottom of the "Refine your results" section, there is a "Publication Date" filter with "2012" selected in two input fields. A white arrow points to the "2012" input field.

**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 2012; (3) English-language:

- 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 student assessed histories from your PsycINFO searches and offer feedback using the same following assessment rubrics:

**Student Searcher name (print legibly)** \_\_\_\_\_

**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
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Suggestions for Improvement:

**Student Assessor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_