

# How to search the databases in ProQuest

## Which databases are available from ProQuest?

Different databases are available from each supplier. The ProQuest interface provides access to:

- Medline - comprehensive medical database covering all disciplines, from 1946 onwards.
- PsycINFO – international psychology database, from 1806 onwards.
- BNI – all aspects of nursing, midwifery and community healthcare, from 1992 onwards.

## Accessing ProQuest databases & creating a personal account

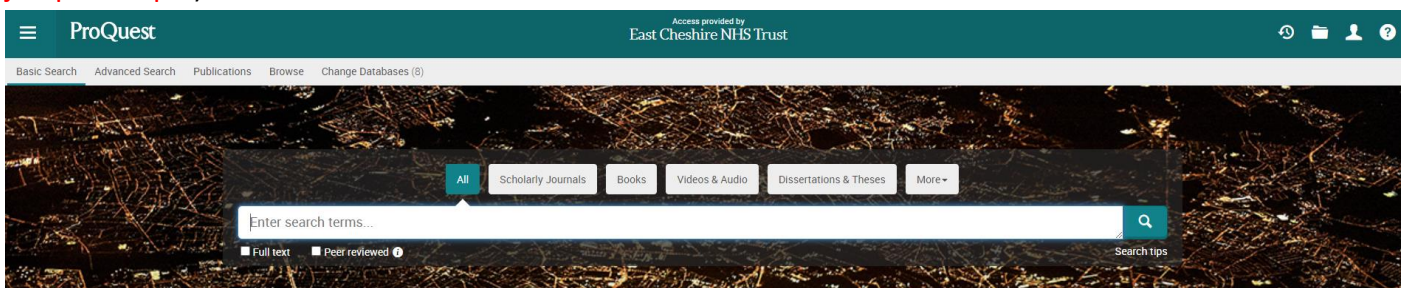
### 1. Accessing ProQuest

Go to the Library Website: [www.eastcheshirenhslibrary.net](http://www.eastcheshirenhslibrary.net)

Select “**Evidence Resources**” – Scroll down to the ‘Databases’ drop-down – Select “**Search ProQuest**”.

You may be prompted to sign in at this stage. **Sign in using your OpenAthens account**. Click the **ProQuest** link to search the databases.

This will take you to the following **ProQuest** front page **or** to the ‘**Select Databases**’ screen (in which case jump to step 3):



2. From the menu across the top, you can choose the database you would like to search by clicking on ‘**Change Databases**’:



2. Select the database you want to search, for instance **PsycINFO**. Then click '**Use selected databases**'.

*We recommend searching one database at a time:*

**Select Databases**

Tip: Add database shortcuts, making it easier to select one or more favorite databases.

Select databases to search, then click **Use selected databases** to go to the search form.

**Use selected databases**

Brief view | Detailed view View by name | View by subject

☐ Select all ☒ Full Text Included

- ☐ APA PsycArticles® (1894 - current)   
Psychology - journal articles  
Subject Area(s): Social Sciences , Health & Medicine  
View title list [View title list](#)
- ☒ **APA PsycInfo® (1806 - current)**   
Psychology - journal articles, books, dissertations, etc.  
Subject Area(s): Social Sciences , Health & Medicine  
View title list [View title list](#)
- ☐ British Nursing Index (1994 - current)   
British Nursing Index is a leading database for the support of practice, education, research, and development for nurses, midwives, health visitors, and healthcare assistants working in the UK or following UK practice.  
Subject Area(s): Health & Medicine  
View title list [View title list](#)

3. Once you have selected a database, you can begin searching. However, you will first need to **create a personal/research account to save your searches and results**. If you already have a personal account, login to it now.

Click on the person icon in the top right corner:

APA PsycInfo®

Basic Search | Advanced Search | About | Change databases

Enter search terms...

☐ Peer reviewed Search tips

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

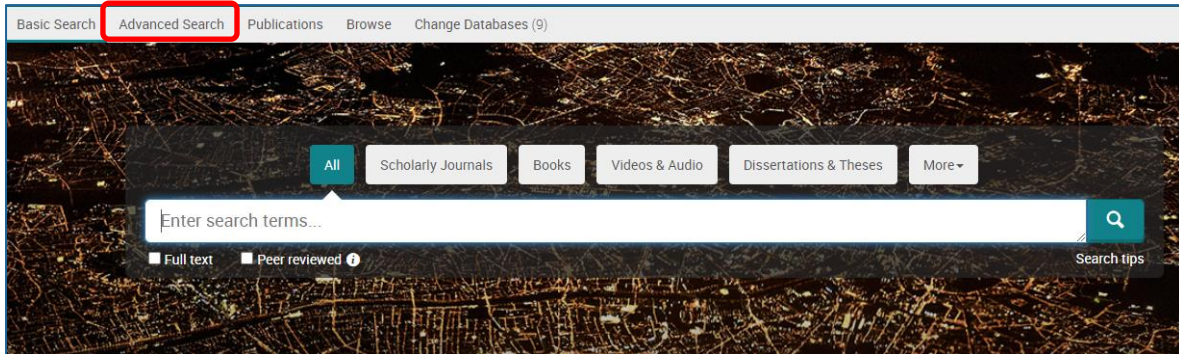
- Sign into My Research
- Create My Research Account
- Bookshelf
- Exit ProQuest
- English

## Searching ProQuest

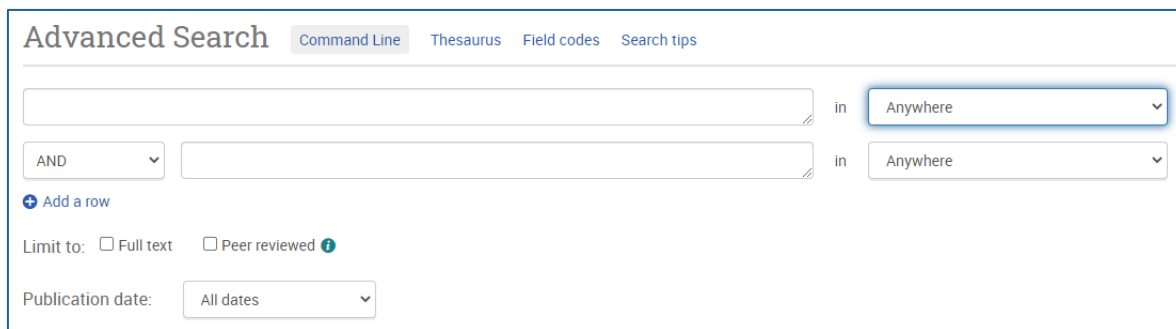
5. To get back to the ProQuest front page, click on the ProQuest icon on the top left:



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



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



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

in Anywhere

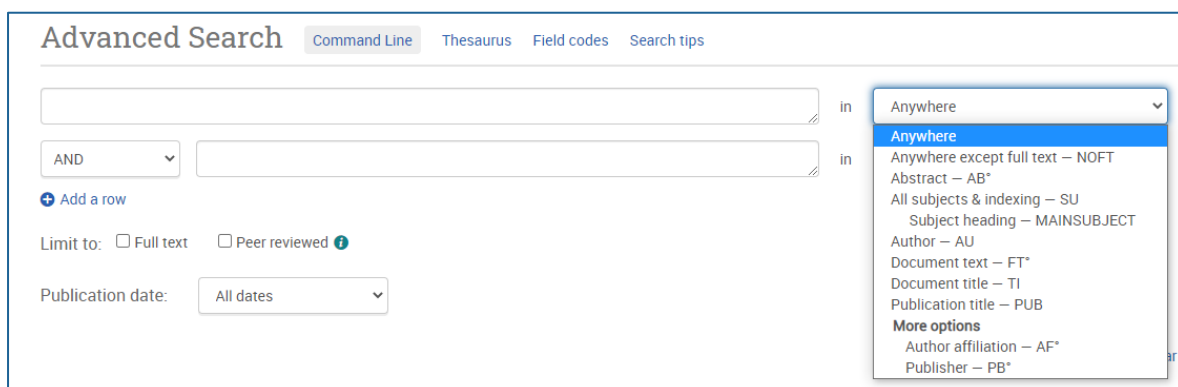
AND  in Anywhere

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7. 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:



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- Anywhere
- Anywhere except full text – NOFT
- Abstract – AB\*
- All subjects & indexing – SU
- Subject heading – MAINSUBJECT
- Author – AU
- Document text – FT\*
- Document title – TI
- Publication title – PUB
- More options**
- Author affiliation – AF\*
- Publisher – PB\*

8. 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':

The screenshot shows the ProQuest search interface. The search term "passive smok\*" is entered in the search bar. Below the search bar, there are two rows of search criteria. The first row has a dropdown menu set to "OR" and the search term "passive smok\*". The second row has a dropdown menu set to "in" and the search term "passive smok\*". To the right of the search bar, there are two dropdown menus for selecting the search field. The first dropdown is set to "Document title - TI" and the second dropdown is set to "Abstract - AB". At the bottom right, there is a "Search" button and a "Clear form" link.

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

The screenshot shows the ProQuest results page. The search term "ti("passive smok\*") OR ab("passive smok\*")" is entered in the search bar. The results show 7,844 results. On the right side of the page, there is a "Recent searches" button. Below the search bar, there is a list of results. The first result is a cross-sectional study of passive smoking of non-smoking women and analysis of influence factors on women passive smoking. The authors are Han, Jing-Xiu; Ma, Ling; Zhang, Hong-Wei; Liu, Xi; Zheng, Su-hua; et al. The journal is Wei sheng yan jiu = Journal of hygiene research, Vol. 35, Iss. 5, (September 2006): 609-611.

10. This will show you your search strategy so far.

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:

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**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 7-10 for all keyword concepts.

## Searching for subject headings

11. To search for Subject Headings, select Thesaurus from the menu bar.

*Make sure to clear the search fields of previous keyword searches:*

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

in Anywhere

OR in Anywhere

+ Add a row

12. Type in the subject heading you want to search for and click 'Find':

**APA Thesaurus of Psychological Index Terms - Summer 2021**

Search terms: secondhand smoking **Find** Clear

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

Browse terms: Root 0-9 A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

13. 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:**

**APA Thesaurus of Psychological Index Terms - Summer 2021**

Search terms: secondhand smoking **Find** Clear

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

Browse terms: Root 0-9 A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Click a term in the list below to see it in the context of the thesaurus hierarchy. **Explode** **Major**

**Secondhand Smoking**

14. 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:**  Find Clear

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

**Browse terms:**  0-9 A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Hierarchical view | Relational view - notes

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Sciences	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Biology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Physiology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Physiological Processes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Effects	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Exposure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Chemical Exposure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Passive Smoking</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use for: <b>Secondhand Smoking</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Behavior	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Drug Usage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Tobacco Smoking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Passive Smoking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

1 terms selected view

Combine using:  
☒ OR ☐ AND ☐ NOT

Add to search Close

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

in

in

[+ Add a row](#)

Limit to: ☐ Peer reviewed [?](#) ☐ Impact statements

Publication date:

Search Clear form

Repeat steps 11-15 for all keywords.

## Combining search terms and subject headings

Head back to your Recent Searches (click the clock icon – see step 9) to combine your search terms.

### 16. 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](#)

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

Items selected: 0     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 ▾

Head back to 'Recent Searches' (or click the clock icon) 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 7-16 for all keywords / concepts.

**17. 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

Search

Search tips

Examples: 1 AND 3 or "6"  
(1 AND 3) OR (1 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"/>	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 ▼

## Filtering and saving results

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

135 results

Sorted by  
Relevance

Limit to  
☐ Peer reviewed

Source type

Publication date

Publication title

Record type

Subject


Classification

Age group

Population

Select 1-20

1


  
Scholarly Journal

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)

Citation/Abstract Show Abstract

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Scholarly Journal

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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Citation/Abstract Show Abstract

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Scholarly Journal

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...

Abstract/Details Get full text Cited by (19) References (13)

Full Text Show Abstract

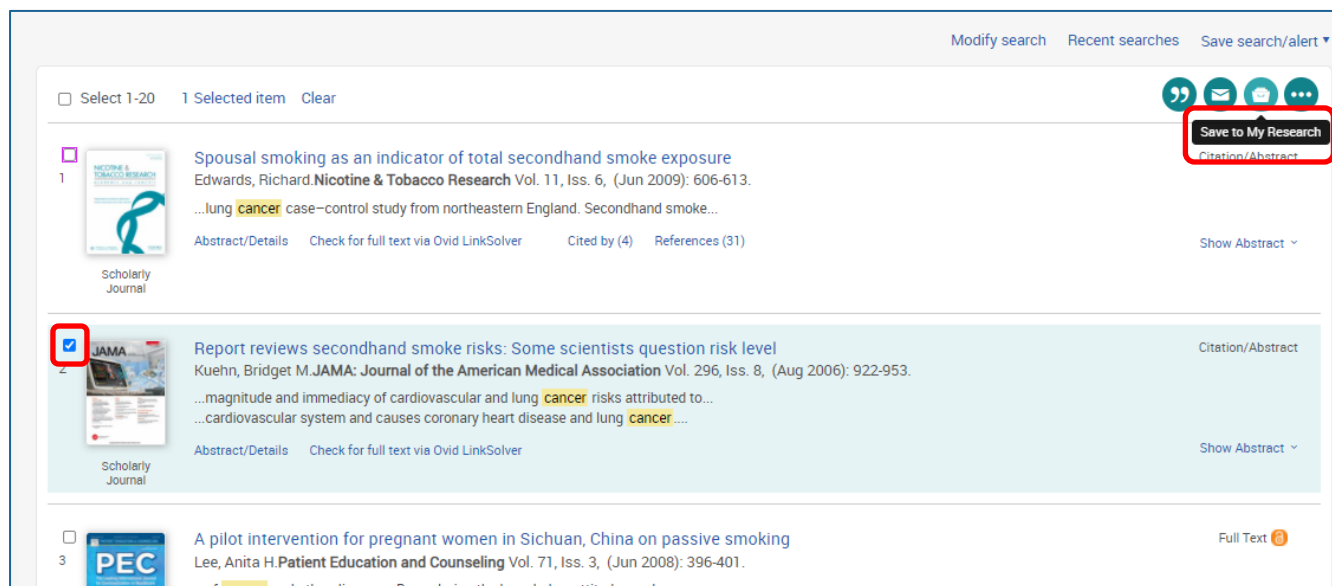
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Scholarly Journal

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

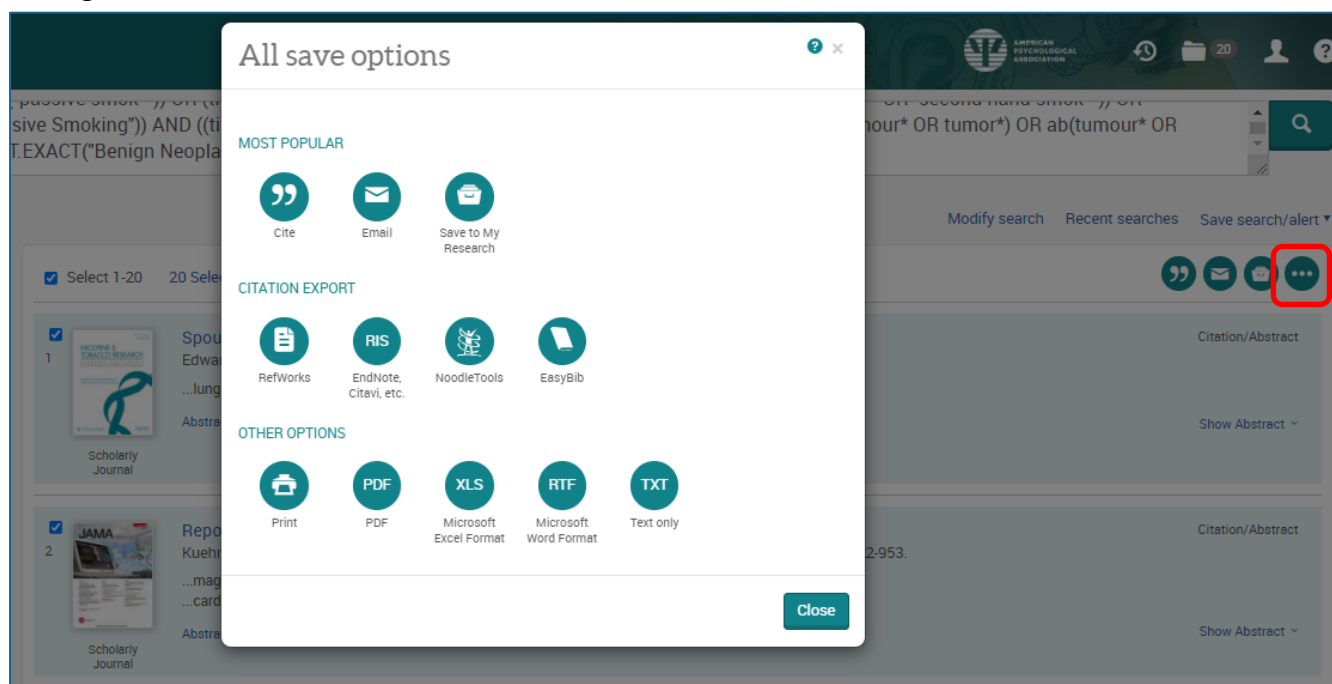
Citation/Abstract

19. 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:



20. 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:



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



22. Select the search lines and click 'Save':

Items selected: 10  Delete  Save <a href="#">Show all details</a>  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*)	

23. Give your search strategy a name and add comments if you wish.

Click 'Save':

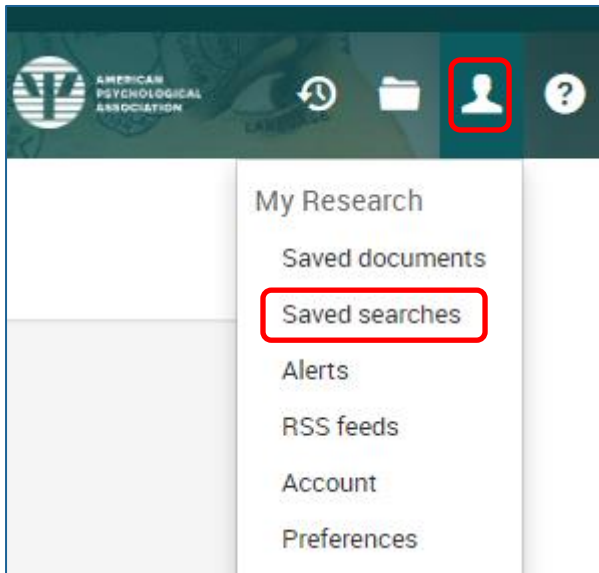
## Save search to My Research

Name your search:

Add a note: (optional)

[Cancel](#) [Save](#)

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



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