



Finding Research Instruments and Questionnaires in CINAHL

CINAHL Plus with Full Text is available to Duke users at <http://www.mclibrary.duke.edu>.

1. Click on **CINAHL Headings** in the blue bar at the top of the CINAHL search screen.
2. Type *research instruments* into the box and click **Browse**.
3. Click on the underlined heading **Research Instruments** to go to the Tree View. A Tree View is a hierarchical display of broader and narrower subject headings related to the heading you clicked on.
4. Click on one of the narrower terms, such as **+Instrument by Name** or **+Instrument by Type**. A + sign in front of a CINAHL heading indicates there are additional, more specific headings.
5. Click on the topic of interest to you.
6. Check the box next to the desired heading. **Note:** If there are narrower headings under the one you have chosen, and you want to include those in your search, check the box in the **Explode** column.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Research Instruments
<input type="checkbox"/>	+ Instrument by Name
<input type="checkbox"/>	+ Instrument by Type
<input type="checkbox"/>	+ Instrument Construction
<input type="checkbox"/>	+ Instrument Scaling
<input type="checkbox"/>	Instrument Validation

<input type="checkbox"/> Check box to view subheadings.	Click linked term for tree view.	Explode (+)	Major Concept
<input type="checkbox"/>	Physical Sciences	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Research	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Research Measurement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	+ Measurement Issues and Assessments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Research Instruments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	+ Instrument by Name	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	- Instrument by Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Attitude Measures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Behavior Rating Scales	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	+ Biochemical Instruments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Biophysical Instruments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Checklists	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. Click the **Search Database** button on the upper right side of the screen.

Not Sure Which CINAHL Heading to Use?

For articles *about instruments*, try one of these headings:

- **Instrument By Name** or **Instrument By Type**

For articles about *how to develop* or *validate instruments*, try one of these headings:

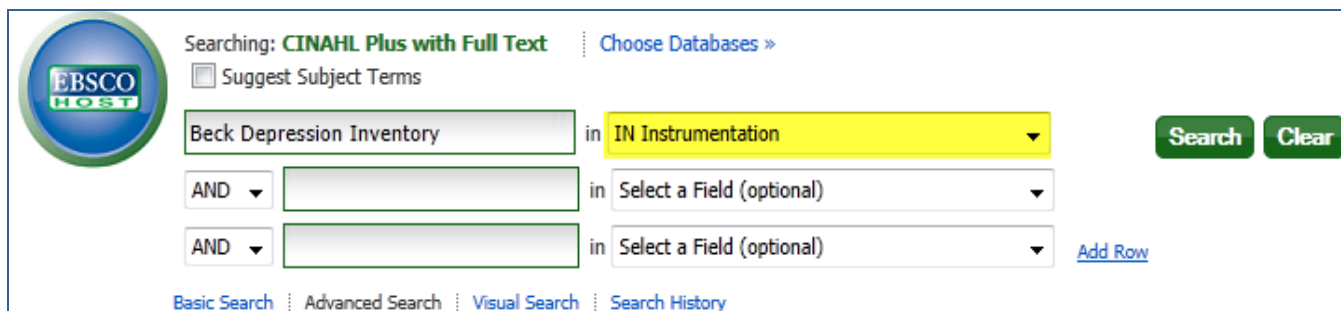
- **Instrument Construction**, **Instrument Scaling** or **Instrument Validation**



Other Searching Options

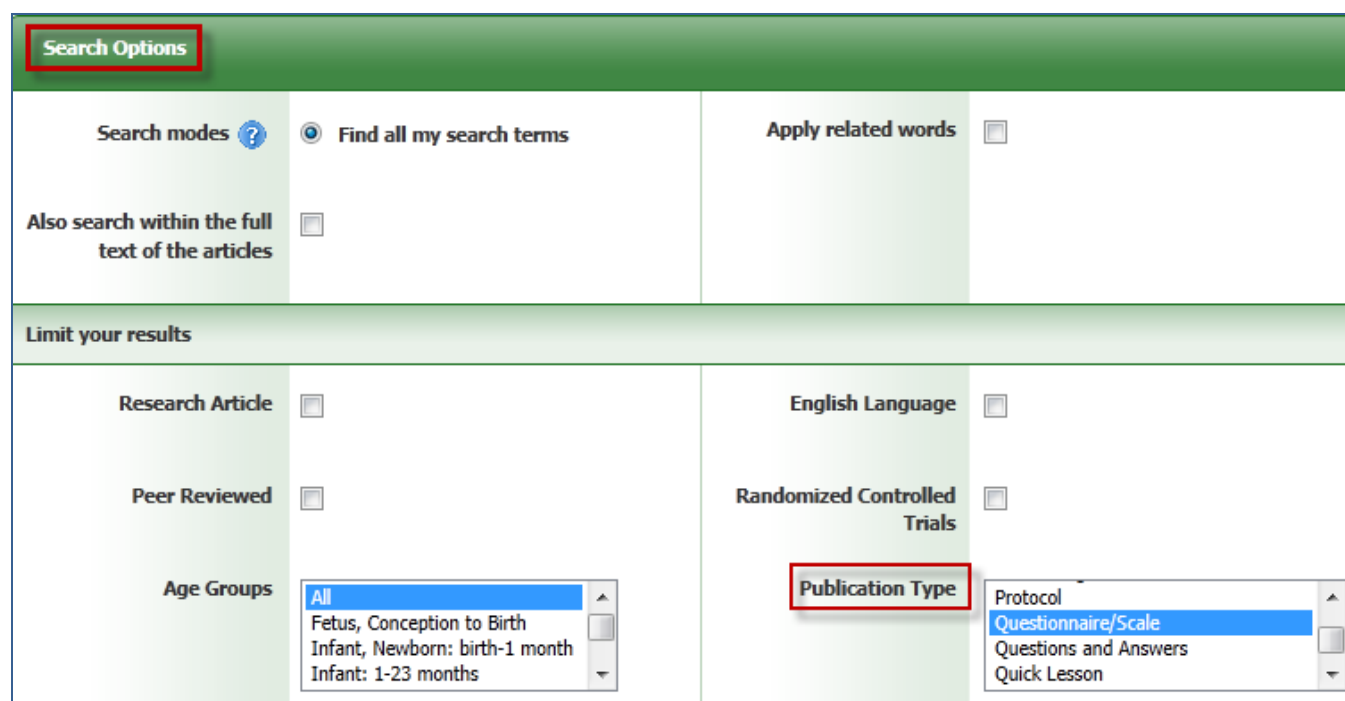
For many articles, CINAHL includes an **Instrumentation (IN)** field, which gives the names of the instruments used in the studies.

To search for instruments, enter terms in one of the search boxes on the main search screen. Change the drop-down menu to **IN Instrumentation**. Search for a specific instrument (e.g., Beck Depression Inventory) or instruments that contain a certain term (e.g., depression).



The screenshot shows the CINAHL search interface. At the top left is the EBSCO logo. The search bar contains the text 'Beck Depression Inventory'. To the right of the search bar is a dropdown menu with 'IN Instrumentation' selected. Below the search bar are two 'AND' buttons and two empty search boxes. To the right of these boxes are 'Search' and 'Clear' buttons. At the bottom of the interface are links for 'Basic Search', 'Advanced Search', 'Visual Search', and 'Search History'.

Using **Search Options** in CINAHL, it is possible to limit by **Publication Type**. This represents the **type** of publication being indexed, **not** the topic covered.



The screenshot shows the 'Search Options' panel. It has a green header with the text 'Search Options'. Below the header are several sections: 'Search modes' with a radio button for 'Find all my search terms' and a checkbox for 'Apply related words'; 'Also search within the full text of the articles' with a checkbox; 'Limit your results' with a list of filters: 'Research Article', 'Peer Reviewed', 'Age Groups' (with a dropdown menu showing 'All', 'Fetus, Conception to Birth', 'Infant, Newborn: birth-1 month', and 'Infant: 1-23 months'), 'English Language', 'Randomized Controlled Trials', and 'Publication Type' (with a dropdown menu showing 'Protocol', 'Questionnaire/Scale', 'Questions and Answers', and 'Quick Lesson').

You may want to try limiting your search results to one of these **Publication Types**:

- **Questionnaire/Scale:** Indicates there is an *actual* questionnaire or scale in the referenced item.
- **Research:** Indicates the referenced item is a research study.
- **Research Instrument:** Indicates the item is a summary description of a specific research instrument.

