 CONTROLLED VOCABULARIES

MeSH TERMS
National Library of Medicine’s controlled vocabulary of biomedical terms used to describe the subject of each journal article.

CINAHL THESAURUS
CINAHL’s controlled vocabulary thesaurus that assists in more effectively searching the CINAHL database.

PsycINFO THESAURUS
PsycINFO’s controlled vocabulary is referred to as the Thesaurus of Psychological Index Terms.

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• Narrows search results
• Tells the database you want ALL terms included in the results.

OR
• Narrows search results
• Tells the database you want ANY of the terms included in the results.

NOT
• Narrows search results
• Tells the database to exclude search terms in the results.

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