

PsycINFO

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PsycINFO contains:

- references and summaries of selected journal articles from 2000+ psychology related journals from 1806 onwards
- references and summaries of selected books and book chapters
- references and summaries of selected dissertations/theses and technical reports
- mostly US content with 30% European coverage
- links to full text documents, where available to Monash users.

Use PsycINFO to find:

- Scholarly sources on psychological aspects on most topics including medical, social, legal, business and educational aspects

Tips:

- Help is available from a link at the top of the page and from www.ovid.com
- Use **Basic Search** for a quick search. Enter search as a question.
- **Advanced Ovid Search** provides more advanced search options such as mapping your search to preferred subject headings and any narrower terms.
- Use * to retrieve word variations eg pet* retrieves pet, pets, petri etc. Colo?^r retrieves color, colour.
- Further refine your search via options under **Search Aids** or **Limits** to restrict to specific groups; age, peer reviewed articles or publication types etc.
- Click **Databases** to search earlier time period or to transfer search to other databases (subject heading searches probably will not retrieve any results).
- You can directly export records to EndNote from **Results Manager**.
- Click **Search History** to keep track of and combine search results
- Register for a personal account to receive updates of a search.

Look for similar information in:

- Databases listed under “Psychology and Psychiatry” and other relevant subjects from the database page

PsycINFO looks like this:

The screenshot displays the PsycINFO database search interface. At the top, it features the logos for Wolters Kluwer Health and OvidSP, along with navigation links for Database Field Guide, Display Knowledge Base, Help, and Logoff. Below the logos, there are links for Change Database, Journals, and Books, and a section for Saved Searches/Alerts and Personal Account. The current search is for 'PsycINFO 1985 to January Week 5 2008'. The search bar is set to 'Advanced Ovid Search' and contains the query 'colo*r and emotion*'. There are options to search by Keyword, Author, Title, or Journal, and a 'Search >>' button. A 'Limits' section is visible below the search bar. To the right, an 'OvidSP Tip' box suggests browsing journals and journal subject categories on the same page. Below the search bar, there is a 'Search History' section showing 1 search. The main search results area is titled 'Results of your search: (colo*r* and emotion).mp. [mp=title, abstract, heading word, table of contents, key concepts]'. It shows 'Viewing 1-20 of 337 Results' and a 'Next Result' button. The results list includes two entries, each with a 'View Abstract' button and options for 'Find Similar' and 'Find Citing Articles'. The first entry is by Gao, Xiao-Ping; Xin, John H; Sato, Tetsuya; Hansuebsai, Aran; Scalzo, Marcello; Kajiwara, Kanji; Guan, Shing-Sheng; Valdeperas, J; Lis, Manuel Jose; Billger, Monica. The second entry is by Larsen, Randy J; Mercer, Kimberly A; Balota, David A. On the left side, there is a 'Search Aid' section with 'Your search' (Search terms used: colo, emotion) and 'Narrow search' (Narrow your results by: Subjects, Authors, Journals). Below that is a 'Results Manager' section with 'Actions' (DISPLAY, PRINT PREVIEW, EMAIL, SAVE).

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