Locating information about psychological and health assessment instruments, as well as a copy of the instrument itself, requires searching both electronic and print resources of the psychosocial literature. Resources for locating this type of information include HAPI, MMY, HSRR, PsycINFO, CINAHL, and Tests in Print. It is common to find that a copy of a test is only available from the test producer for purchase to qualified and licensed professionals.

**Health and Psychosocial Instruments (HAPI)**

HAPI, available via the Ovid system, is the database that consists entirely of information relating to measurement instruments. Types of instruments include questionnaires, interview schedules, checklists, index measures, coding schemes/manuals, rating scales, projective techniques, vignettes/scenarios, tests in the health fields, psychosocial sciences, organizational behavior, and library and information science. Use HAPI to find descriptions and reviews of tests, and sometimes a copy of the test itself, or where to find a copy. The database covers 1985 to the present, with some measures from before the year 1985 included. Updates are quarterly.

**Connecting to Health and Psychosocial Instruments (HAPI)**

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**Searching HAPI**

There is no searchable list of subject terms/descriptors for this database. To perform a basic search, enter keyword(s), phrase(s), or the name of a particular test. Words from the title, acronym, descriptors, or abstract will be searched.

**Exs.**
- depression AND (scale OR measure)
- personality assessment
- Beck Depression Inventory OR BDI

**Search Tips:**
- Use synonyms and the Boolean operator OR to include as many keywords and concepts as possible.
- Use the truncation symbol $ to expand a term, e.g. assess$ for assessment, assessments, assessed, etc.
- Use the question mark ? to substitute for one or no characters, e.g., behavio?r for behavior or behaviour.
- Use the pound sign # to substitute for one character, e.g. wom#n for woman or women
- Run the search again using the author icon in the top menu bar to be sure nothing is missed

**Author Search**

Authors of tests will not necessarily be searched if using keywords, unless the author’s name is included in the title, in the abstract, or is a word of the descriptor.

- Select Author Search by clicking on the Author icon at the top of the screen.
- In the search box, enter the Author’s last name, a space, and first initial if known.
- Click the Perform Search button. An Authors Index Display screen will appear.
• Select the form(s) of the name that you wish to search by clicking in the check box to the left of each selection.
• When you have finished your selections, click the **Perform Search** button at the top of the screen.

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**Applying Limits in HAPI**

You can apply additional criteria to your search to further increase the specificity of results, limit the number of items retrieved, or focus on a particular publication type.

- Select limits using the checkboxes for the Limits on the main screen page to limit to Primary or Secondary Source or Latest Update
- Click on the **More Limits** button to obtain the full list of limits
- When you have finished selecting limits, click the **Limit A Search** button at the top or bottom of the screen.

**More Limits**

- **Latest Update** - restricts retrieval to documents which were most recently added to the database
- **BMDS Availability** - Behavioral Measurement Database Services limits retrieval to instruments that are available for purchase through the Behavioral Measurement Database Services, the producer of the HAPI database. A note is added at the bottom of the Abstract field with the contact information.

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**Display, Print, Email, Save, Export and Logoff in HAPI**

These functions are the same for all Ovid Databases. See one of the Library’s other Ovid handouts (PsycINFO or MEDLINE) for detailed instructions. Handouts are listed alphabetically by title on the Library’s website at http://library.med.nyu.edu/library/instruction/handouts/index.html.

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**Tips on Finding Tests using PsycINFO (Ovid)**

PsycINFO is the preeminent database for citations and abstracts to the scholarly literature in the behavioral sciences, mental health, and related fields. Citations to information about tests are included, and sometimes the actual test used in a study is included in the full text of a cited article.

**Search Strategies:**

Following are basic strategies that will help you focus on test/assessment materials and maximize retrieval.

**Strategy 1 - Use the Test & Measures Field (tm)**

- Click on the **Search Fields** icon.
- Enter a word or phrase in the search box at the top of the screen.
- Select Tests & Measures from the list of available fields.
- Click the Perform Search button to execute the search.
**Strategy 2 - Use the Limit feature**
- Perform your search.
- Click on the Limit icon in the top menu.
- Select **Test & Measures** from the main Limit screen.
- Click the Limit Search button.

OR

- Perform your search.
- Click on the Limit icon in the top menu.
- Select the **Classification Codes (cc)** in the Limits for **ALL** entries beginning with the code 22.

OR Use the Ovid Shortcut command:
- From the main search screen, type in your search.
- Add 22.cc - the classification code abbreviation for all the codes that begin with 22- to the Boolean operator AND. Ex. self care AND 22.cc

**Strategy 3 - Use the Boolean operator OR to combine the search sets created using strategies 1 and 2 above to maximize retrieval**
Ex. self care.tm OR (self care AND 22.cc)

For more information on PsycINFO, please see the Library's class handout at:

**Tips on Finding Tests using CINAHL (Ovid)**

CINAHL, the Cumulative Index to Nursing & Allied Health Literature, is the main index to the nursing literature, also contains both descriptions of selected research instruments and articles about instruments and related research methodologies. Instrument descriptions include year developed, purpose, variables of interest, original population, question format, administration, scoring, psychometrics, instructions on how to obtain it, copyright, and modifications. Some instruments also include the full-text of the instrument itself.

**Search Strategies:**
Following are basic strategies that will help you focus on test/assessment materials and maximize retrieval. You can use Strategies 1 and 2 independently, or combine them as in Strategy 3.

**Strategy 1 - Use the Instrumentation Field (it)**
- Click on the Search Fields Icon in the top Menu and check Instrumentation.
- Enter a keyword or phrase for the test or subject you are looking for, e.g. “fall risk.”
- Use the shortcut to enter the term or terms directly in the search box with the Ovid command for the instrumentation field, e.g., fall risk.it.

**Strategy 2 - Use the LIMIT by Publication Types (pt):**
- Click on the Limit icon in the top menu.
- Select Questionnaires/Scale and Research Instrument by holding down the <CTRL> key and clicking on these entries under Publication Types.
Strategy 3 - Use the Boolean operator **OR** to combine the search sets created using strategies 1 and 2 above.

**Ex.**  
fall risk.it **OR** fall risk.mp. (limited to "questionnaire/scale" or "research instrument")

For more information on CINAHL, please see the Library’s handout at:

**HSRR (Health Services and Sciences Research Resources) Database**

From the National Information Center on Health Services Research and Health Care Technology (NICHSR), the HSRR database contains descriptions of about 300 research datasets, over **55 instruments/indices**, and more than 20 software applications frequently used in health services research and in the behavioral and social sciences. The database includes brief descriptions of research resources, links to PubMed and URLs of providers for additional information or access to the resources. This database is freely available to all from the National Library of Medicine (NLM) website.

**Connecting to HSRR**

Go to: http://www.nlm.nih.gov/nichsr/hsrr_search/

**Searching HSRR**

**Basic Search**

The default is to search all of the tools in this database: datasets, instruments, and software. Select the radio button for one of these tools to search just for that type of information, e.g. click on the radio button **Search Instruments/Indices only** to search for test information only. Enter one or more words or phrases and enter a multi-word phrase in quotes. Use the Help link located next to the Search button for basic search help.

**Browse**

Browse by either title or source by clicking on one of the three options to search (instrument, dataset, or software) and select from the alphabetical list of the names of instruments, e.g. Beck Depression Inventory. Select the option to browse by source to select from the alphabetical list of the name/acronym of the organization that developed the tool.

**Mental Measurements Yearbook (MMY)**

The MMY online is based on the print version published at the University of Nebraska and produced by the Buros Institute. The MMY contains full text information about and reviews of all English-language standardized tests covering educational skills, personality, vocational aptitude, psychology, and related areas as included in the printed Mental Measurements Yearbooks. This database contains data from Yearbooks 9, 1985 - present. For each test, the database provides the name of the test author, publication information, scoring information, and the number of the Mental Measurements Yearbook in which the test was described originally. All tests included have been commercially published. The full text for each record includes an overview of the test, a description of the test materials and time needed, and one or more reviews of the test. The database can be used by professionals such as counselors, guidance workers, psychologists, personnel directors, and educators.

**Connecting to the MMY**

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**Remote Access**

If you are using this resource remotely, enter your NYU SOM/Medical Center id/password when prompted.
Searching MMY
The default search mode in MMY is the Advanced Search Mode.
You can change to the basic search mode by clicking on the Tab at the very top of the page to search in either the Basic or Advanced Search mode.

The **Basic Search** lets you enter your search terms in just one search dialog box. You may use Boolean operators, and may also use the available “Limiters” and “Expanders” in the “Refine Search” sub-tab directly below the search box. The limit option is only to full text, and the expand allows you to: search by related words, search by full text, and automatically use the Boolean “and” in your search terms.

The **Advanced Search** uses keyword searching, search history, expanders, and limiters to help you focus your search in as many as three different search boxes. Each search box defaults to the basic “default fields” which consist of the following search fields: Test Name/Title, Acronym (test name), Author, Reviewer, Publisher's Name, Population, Purpose, Scores yield by the Test, Administration mode, Price and General subject headings. The Advanced mode Expanders allow the same three options as in the Basic Search, but there are many more Limiters in the Advanced Search mode than the one limit to full text in the Basic mode.

**Advanced Search Limiters:**
- Test Category – 18 choices including Development, Neuropsychological, Speech & Hearing
- Administration – Group and/or Individual
- Publication Date
- Yearbook – limit by volume number
- Number of Reviews – from one to three

Creating Search Sets in MMY
- Enter your search terms in the Find field. Your search terms can be keywords or selections from search history.
- Boolean commands (**And**, **Or**, **Not**) can be included in your search.
- You can also use field codes with your search terms.
- The truncation symbol is the asterisk, e.g. addict*
- Add limiters or expanders from the Refine Search sub-tab. To select multiple values from a list, press the Ctrl key (or Command key) and click the left mouse button.

Displaying in MMY
- Click the Search button. Your search results are displayed below the Results sub-tab.
- Each result is numbered, and is available as HTML Full Text.
- Click the linked page numbers to move through the Result List.
- Sort results using the drop-down list by author, title, relevance, or yearbook.
- To save results, click the Add folder icon for the article.
- To add all items on a page to your folder, click **Add (21-30)** e.g. at the top of the Add column.

Exporting Documents in MMY
- Collect results from your searches and keep them in the folder.
- Print, save, or e-mail collected results from your folder.
- From an open result, or from the folder, click icons to **PRINT**, **E-MAIL**, or **SAVE to DISK**.
- To save search results for future use, set up an EBSCOHost account by clicking on the link to **Sign In to My EBSCOhost** and set up an account via the **I'm a new user** link.

Disconnecting from MMY
There is no Logout in the EbscoHost system of databases, and users are not restricted on time limits.

**NOTE:** the **MMY** is available in print in the Ehrman Medical Library - MED Reference **Z5814.P8 B932**
Selected PRINT Resources on Tests

- **Tests in Print VI: An Index to Tests, Test Reviews, and the Literature on Specific Tests**, Buros Institute of Mental Measurements, 2002.
  MED Reference: Z5814.E9 B82 2002
