

## **Finding quantitative research articles in CINAHL**

CINAHL does have subject headings for both "Quantitative Studies" and "Qualitative Studies", but their use is somewhat inconsistent, so that not all articles that would normally qualify for these subject headings are labeled as such.

To circumvent this problem, you can limit to Research Articles and/or Peer-Reviewed Journals and simply scan the abstracts to determine the study type; a labor-intensive strategy, true, but it works.

A few other strategies that may prove helpful:

- Try using the Quantitative Studies subject heading, and see what you get.
- Limit the set to publication types that are quantitative by definition, for example Meta-analysis, Clinical Trial, Statistics, Tables/Charts, etc.,
- Experiment with related CINAHL subject headings, such as Chi Square Test, Analysis of Variance, Confidence Intervals, Statistical Significance, T-tests, P-value, Data Analysis, Statistical, and so on.