

**EXAMPLE 4**

**Author/Publication Field Search with Truncation**

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**Objectives**

1. Select the correct field qualifier to restrict the search to particular fields.
2. Utilize the truncation symbol.
3. Perform a multi-field search.

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**Scenario**

I have a report for a research methods class on a research instrument for a particular condition. I was assigned the Stroke Impact Scale. My instructor told me that one of the physical therapy professors has written a great article about the Stroke Impact Scale. The author's last name is Duncan. I am not certain what the first name is but it begins with "p" and I do not know if he uses a middle initial. The article is in a journal named "Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation".

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**Search Process**

**STEP 1:** First take your information need and create a search statement about it.

I am looking for an article written by P Duncan about the Stroke Impact Scale from the journal "Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation."

**STEP 2:** Identify the important concepts in your search.

The author's last name and first initial, Duncan p, Stroke Impact Scale and the journal title, "Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation."

**STEP 3:** First, search for the author's name. If the name isn't common and the author hasn't written very much, it might be all that is needed to locate the article. Second, search for the title of the journal and finally add any subject headings or keywords to the search.

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The screenshot shows the 'Search Options' interface for CINAHL. It includes sections for 'Search modes' (Boolean/Phrase, Find all my search terms, Find any of my search terms), 'Limit your results' (References Available, Abstract Available, Published Date from, Research Article, Clinical Queries, Number of Pages, Language, Pregnancy), and various filters (Journal/Magazine, Author, Peer Reviewed, Exclude MEDLINE records, Journal Subset, Publication Type, Gender, Inpatients). The 'Journal/Magazine' filter is set to 'archives of physical medicine and rehabilitation' and the 'Author' filter is set to 'duncan p\*'. Both of these filter boxes are highlighted with red rectangles.

In Author box, type the last name then the first initial of the author, do not use a coma. Many authors publish using their middle initial, to include all of the possibilities (p to pa to pz) use the truncation symbol \*.

Next in the Journal /Magazine box, type the complete title of the journal or magazine and click on the search button at either the top or bottom of the page.

This search retrieves a small set of citations. If the number of citations had been large searching on the key words "Stroke Impact Scale" and combining it with the author/publication search would reduce the number of citations and make certain they are more relevant.

Another way to do this search would be field searching. From the Advanced Keyword screen type the author's last name and change the drop down box to AU Author field so that only the author field is searched. Then type the keywords, "Stroke Impact Scale" leaving the field as it is. Finally type the title of the journal and change the drop down box to SO Journal Title so that only the journal title field is searched.

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The screenshot shows the EBSCOhost search interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Keyword, Publications, CINAHL Headings, Cited References, and More. Below these, the search criteria are defined: "duncan" in the "AU Author" field, "stroke impact scale" in the "Select a Field (optional)" field, and "archives of physical medicine and rehabilitation" in the "SO Journal Title" field. The search is performed using the "Search" button. The interface also includes a "Suggest Subject Terms" checkbox, a "Clear" button, and a "Add Row" button. At the bottom, there are links for "Advanced Search", "Visual Search", "Search History/Alerts", and "Preferences".

This very specific search identifies two citations. From scanning the titles, it appears that both may be useful for the assignment.

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All Results: 1-2 of 2 Page: 1 Sort by: Date Add (1-2)

Results for: AU duncan and stroke impact scale and SO (archive... Options set Alert / Save / Share

- [Rasch analysis of a new stroke-specific outcome scale: the Stroke Impact Scale.](#)  
(includes abstract); *Duncan* PW; Bode RK; Lai SM; Perera S; Glycine Antagonist in Neuroprotection Americas Investigators *Archives of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation*, 2003 Jul; 84 (7): 950-63 (journal article - research, tables/charts) ISSN: 0003-9993 PMID: 12881816 CINAHL AN: 2004016465  
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- [The relation between impairments and functional outcomes poststroke.](#)  
(includes abstract); Patel AT; *Duncan* PW; Lai S; Studenski S *Archives of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation*, 2000 Oct; 81 (10): 1357-63 (journal article - research, tables/charts) ISSN: 0003-9993 PMID: 11030501 CINAHL AN: 2001034938  
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