

EXAMPLE 4

Author/Publication Search with Truncation

**OBJECTIVES**

1. Select the correct field qualifier to restrict the search to the Author field
2. Utilize the truncation symbol properly to locate all middle initial combinations for this search
3. Restrict the search results to publications from a specific author and journal title.

**SCENARIO**

I have a report for a research methods class on a research instruments for a particular condition. I was assigned the Stroke Impact Scale. My professor 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". The article is supposed to be in a journal named "Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation".

**SEARCH PROCESS**

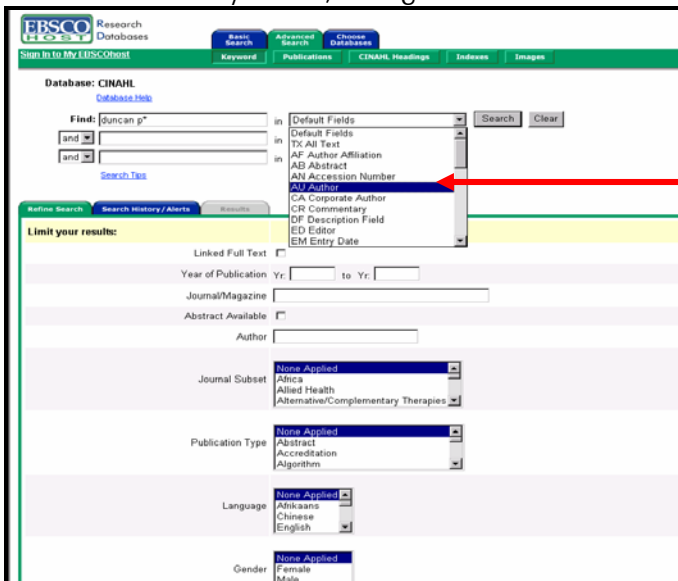
**STEP 1:** First take your information need and create a search statement about it.

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

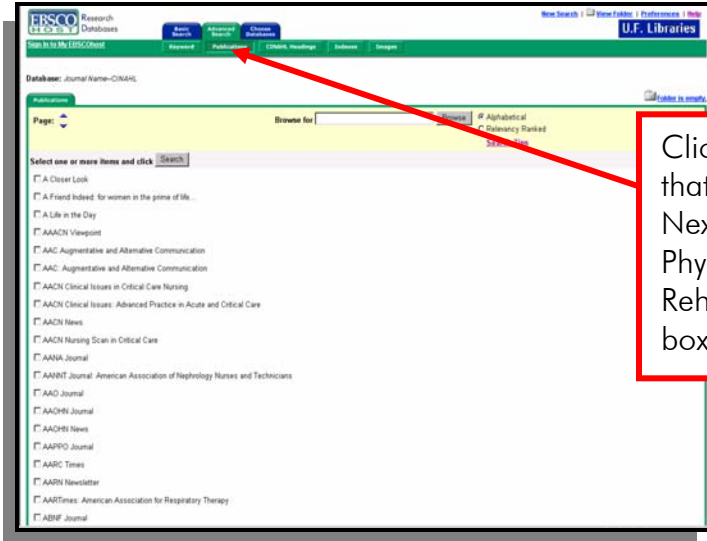
The author's last name and first initial, Duncan p, and the journal title, "Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation"

**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.



Advanced Search screen, click dropdown menu and select AU Author field. In Find box, type the name in the following format: last name first initial. Many authors publish using their middle initial. The easiest method to include all of the possibilities (p to pa to pz). Use truncation symbol \*.

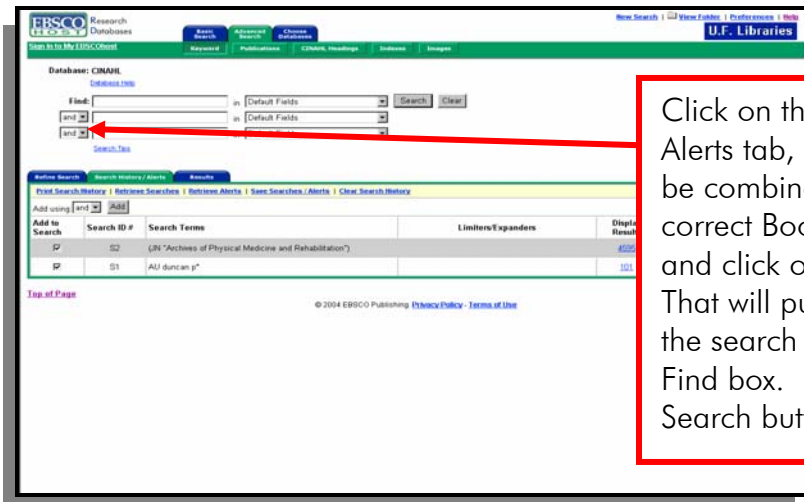
This is the set of citations that is located. It would not be easy to go through over 100 citations. Instead, you can create a set with your journal title and combine it with your previous set to get fewer citations.



Click on the Publications button that is under the top row of tabs. Next enter the title "Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation" in the Browse for box.

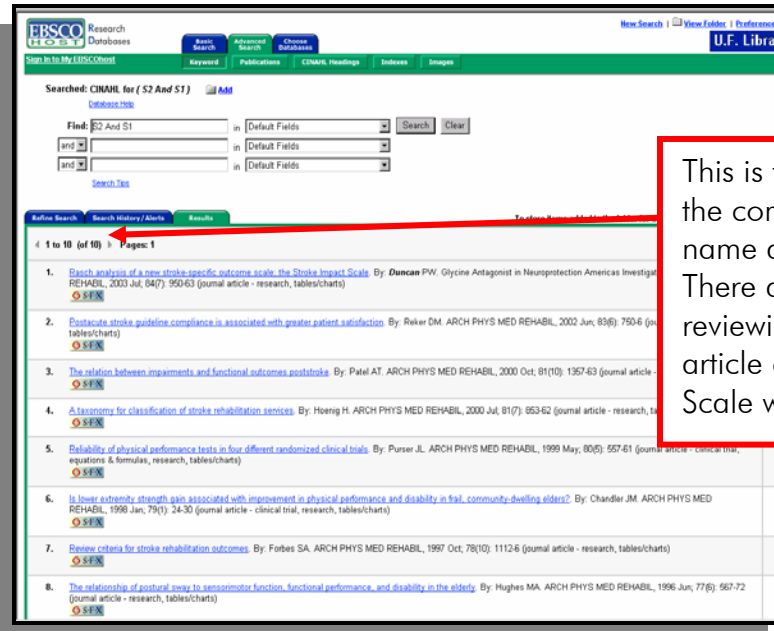
Locate the title of the journal that you want included in the search and place a check in the box in front of the title. Then click on the Search button.

This set has almost 5,000 citations – too many to look through. You can create one search that combines both the author and journal title concepts.



Click on the Search History / Alerts tab, select the sets to be combined, select the correct Boolean Operator and click on the Add button. That will put the numbers of the search statement in the Find box. Click on the Search button.

The number of results from this search will be lesser than the number of articles from the journal title search, since every item in the results will contain the author's name, Duncan P\* AND the journal title, Archives of Physical Medicine Rehabilitation.



This is the set of results from the combination of the author name and journal title search. There are less results and reviewing them to locate the article on the Stroke Impact Scale will be quick.

You will also be able to combine both searches using a Boolean operation.

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Find: S2 And S1 in [Default Fields] Search Clear

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Search Tips

Refine Search Search History/Alerts Results To store items added to the folder for a folder

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