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## 3. From the blue navigation bar, select "APA Thesaurus"

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▶ Select Databases

Find the best terms to use in your search and discover additional vocabulary.

### Advanced Search

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4. Type a Search Term  
(for example: PTSD)

The screenshot displays the APA PsycNet website interface. At the top, the logo for APA PsycNet and the American Psychological Association is visible, along with a language dropdown menu set to "English". A blue navigation bar contains the options "SEARCH", "BROWSE", and "APA THESAURUS", with "Recent Searches" on the right. Below this, the page title "APA Thesaurus of Psychological Index Terms" is shown. A search bar is highlighted with a red border and contains the text "PTSD". A red dashed arrow points from the text "Type a Search Term" to the search bar. Below the search bar is a navigation menu with "All" selected and a list of letters from A to Z.

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## 5. Select Terms Then click: "Add to Search"

Complex PTSD (949)

PTSD use: Posttraumatic Stress Disorder

### Selected Terms

You have 1 selected terms

✗ Posttraumatic Stress Disorder

Add to search using

**ADD TO SEARCH**

Clear All

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6. Click "Search"  
A resource list will populate with your search terms!

## Advanced Search

{Posttraumatic Stress Disorder} in Index Terms

AND in Any Field + add row

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Search Within Results

Filter Results

- Publication Type
  - Journal (35,776)
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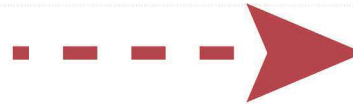
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##### Introduction

There is accumulating evidence of ineffective decision-making between birthing individuals and healthcare providers during childbirth. While research syntheses have demonstrated that negative birth experiences are associated with postpartum mental health, primary quantitative studies linking specific decision-making measures and mental health outcomes have not been synthesised. The present study aims to fill this gap in order to provide hands-on evidence on how to further improve perinatal care.

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Click "Search"

10. A resource list will populate with your search terms!

The image shows a screenshot of a Taylor & Francis article page. At the top, a dark navigation bar contains a PDF icon, page information (Page 1 / 27), and a toolbar with icons for zooming, search, and a download icon. A red box highlights the download icon in the top toolbar, with a red dashed arrow pointing to it. The article title is "A multi-level meta-analysis of the relationship between decision-making during birth and postpartum mental health" by Louisa Arnold, Marie Völkel, Jenny Rosendahl, and Michael Rost. The abstract begins with "Introduction: There is accumulating evidence of ineffective decision-making between birthing individuals and healthcare providers during". A second red box highlights the download icon in a larger view at the bottom of the page, also with a red dashed arrow pointing to it.

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## 1 1. Natural Language Search

NLS uses large-language-model (LLM) technology to understand plain-English questions and keep user intent intact.

### What is Natural Language Search Mode?

Natural Language Search (NLS) mode is an advanced search feature that allows users to query using everyday language.

Instead of relying on complex keywords or Boolean operators, NLS enables users to form searches in a more conversational manner.

NLS mode leverages Natural Language Processing (NLP) to understand the intent and contextual clues within queries, making it particularly beneficial for researchers who need to find specific information quickly or are accustomed to using natural language queries in their daily workflows. This makes NLS mode a powerful tool for researchers seeking comprehensive and accurate information through natural language questions.





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12. Type your search phrase into the dialog box:

Search articles, books, journals & more

Searching: All databases (44)

Basic search

"What are effective interventions for adolescent anxiety?"



All fields



Select "Natural Language Search"  
Under "Search Modes"

## Search modes

- Proximity
- Find all my search terms
- Find any of my search terms
- SmartText Searching
- Natural language search

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## 13. Click the title of your materials:

Searching: All databases (44) MyEBSCO Sign In


"What are effective interventions for adolescent anxiety?" Advanced search

All filters (0) Full Text Peer Reviewed All time Source type

Natural language search Natural language search enhances ease of use and is continuously improving to deliver more contextual results. [Show refined query](#)

Results: 61,682 Show: 10 Relevance

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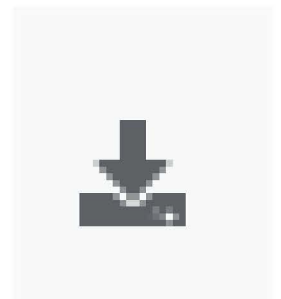
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## Tips & Best Practices

- Phrase as a question or full sentence.
- Include context (population, outcome, timeframe) up-front.
- Use post-search facets to focus.
- Switch back to Boolean when you need precision with controlled vocabulary.
- Evaluate results critically; NLS does not bypass peer-review.



Thanks! 🙏

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