**REHABDATA**

The REHABDATA, produced by the National Rehabilitation Information Center (NARIC), USA is the leading literature database on disability and rehabilitation. Rehabdata went online in 1996, adding literature alerts in 1998 and full text documents in 2005. It combines the Center for International Rehabilitation Research Information and Exchange (CIRRIE) database of International Rehabilitation Research.

**Subject Coverage**: The database covers physical, mental, and psychiatric disabilities, independent living, vocational rehabilitation, special education, assistive technology, law, employment, and other issues related to people with disabilities.

**Types of Resources**: Four main categories of documents are included: (1) reports, studies, and papers submitted by projects funded by the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research; (2) articles published in rehabilitation-related periodicals; (3) international research originally collected by the CIRRIE project, and (4) commercially published books. (5) NARIC Multimedia Collection including videos, webcasts, podcasts, and other multimedia products.

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**Period Covered**: The collection spans 1956 to the present.

**Contents:** The database contains more than 2 lakh records. NARIC adds approximately 4,000 items to REHABDATA each year, including 1,000 international research documents.

**Searching the Rehabdata**

The Rehabdata offers basic and advanced search.

**Basic Search:** The basic searchis keyword based search in all the fields of the database.It permitsmultiple word searching, exact phrase searching and excluding word searching.

**Advanced Search:** The advanced search facilitates searching in the following fields: Author, Title, Abstract, Descriptors, Year of Publication, Grand Number. The fields can be combined using the Boolean operators AND and OR. Other advanced search options include:

* Range of publication years,
* Availability of full text
* Documents that are available through NARIC's  Document Delivery Service?
* Inclusion/exclusion of international research

**Rehabdata Thesaurus**

The Rehabdata maintains a thesaurus containing hundreds of terms on disability and rehabilitation.

**REHABDATA Connection**

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