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There is no subject heading for this type of study. Limit your results using **Publication Types** or **Image Types** found on the Search Options page.

Publication Type list:

- Randomized Controlled Trials
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- **Graph** and check **Research Article** box
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NB: Some qualitative studies also use charts and graphs, some studies are mixed method, and some quantitative studies won't have charts or graphs listed as images.

If you don't find anything, just use the **Research Article** option and go through the studies manually.

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CINAHL uses **Qualitative Studies** as a subject heading. This term can be exploded to find specific types of qualitative research, such as, ethnographic research, ethnological research, grounded theory, or phenomenological research.

Qualitative studies can also be selected as a limit under **Clinical Queries** on the Search Options page.

- High Sensitivity is a broad search. Results may include mixed method studies.
- High Specificity is a narrow search. Results should be good qualitative research, but some relevant articles will be missed.
- Best Balance is somewhere in between, and may be a good starting option.

**Qualitative Research** is the subject heading in PubMed.

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