HaPI: Health and Psychosocial Instruments

HaPI is a database that you can use to find information about research instruments like questionnaires, interview schedules, tests, checklists, rating scales, coding schemes and projective techniques. HaPI does not contain copies of the instruments it describes (which are often commercialized), but can be used to identify existing instruments and to determine their appropriateness for the work you are conducting.

Using HaPI

Happy can be searched using the same techniques used in other major databases, but lays out its results in a slightly different manner. The layout reflects the priority of the database: connecting users to research instruments.

In HaPI, a primary source is the original research material on the tool (e.g., the tests run to check its validity and/or reliability). In most cases, selecting primary sources when searching will get you closer to the actual tool.

Searching in HaPI is similar to searching in other databases. You can search by the instrument name, a key word, the name of the article written about the instrument, etc.
If the record has both “source” information and “references”, the source is the article associated with the record (could be secondary or tertiary), while the reference is the original article discussing that instrument. HaPI titles are the names of the instruments being discussed, not the names of the articles discussing them. For the article name, look at the description.