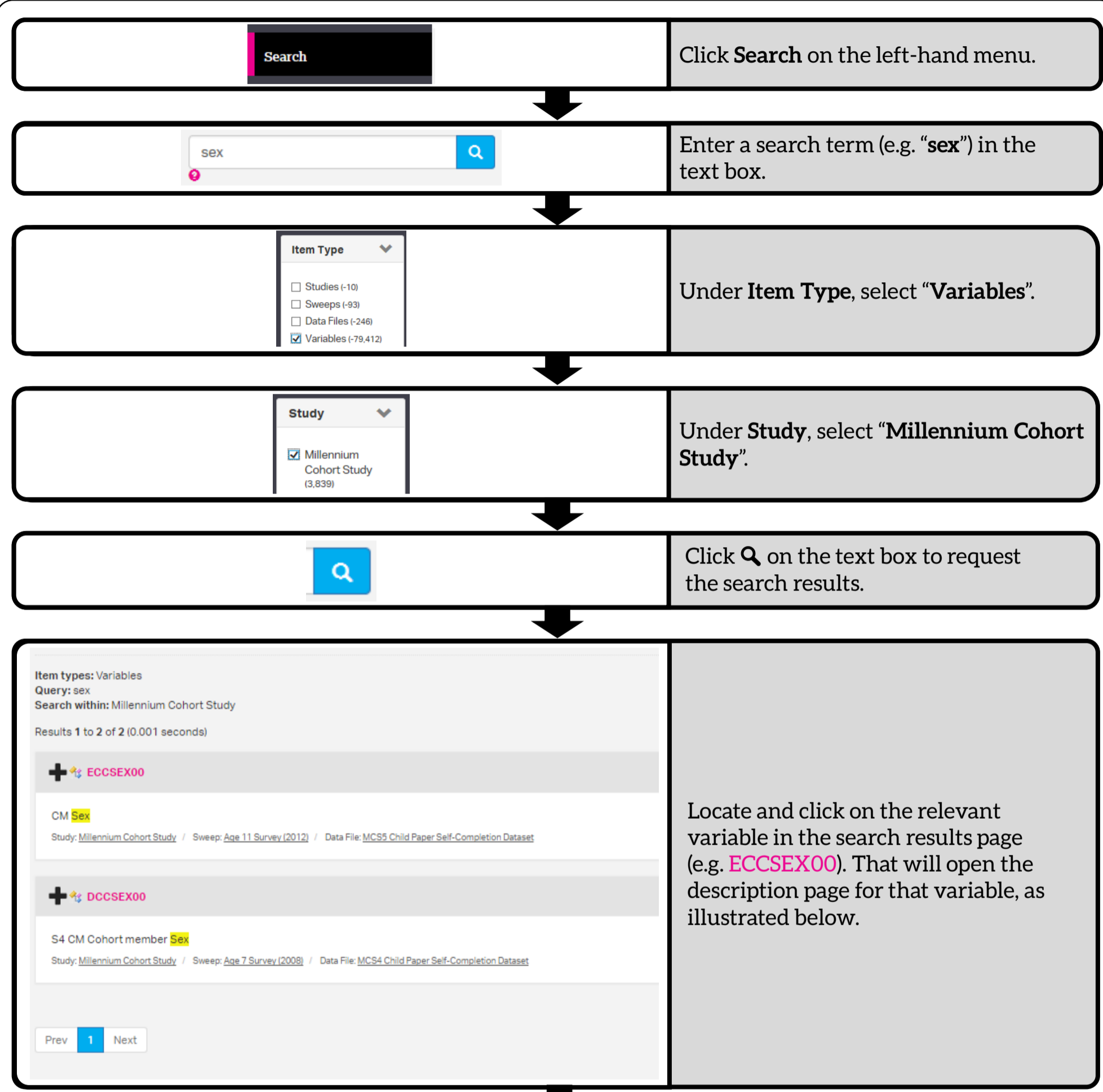closer.
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How do I...

find information about a variable from a particular study?

- **a.k.a. within-study cross-sectional data**
- **e.g. "how do I find information on the sex of participants in MCS?"**

Search	Click **Search** on the left-hand menu.
sex 🔍	Enter a search term (e.g. "**sex**") in the text box.
Item Type ⌄ ☐ Studies (-10) ☐ Sweeps (-93) ☐ Data Files (-246) ☑ Variables (-79,412)	Under **Item Type**, select "**Variables**".
Study ⌄ ☑ Millennium Cohort Study (3,839)	Under **Study**, select "**Millennium Cohort Study**".
🔍	Click 🔍 on the text box to request the search results.

Item types: Variables
Query: sex
Search within: Millennium Cohort Study

Results **1** to **2** of **2** (0.001 seconds)

➕ 🔬 **ECCSEX00**

CM **Sex**
Study: Millennium Cohort Study / Sweep: Age 11 Survey (2012) / Data File: MCS5 Child Paper Self-Completion Dataset

➕ 🔬 **DCCSEX00**

S4 CM Cohort member **Sex**
Study: Millennium Cohort Study / Sweep: Age 7 Survey (2008) / Data File: MCS4 Child Paper Self-Completion Dataset

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Locate and click on the relevant variable in the search results page (e.g. ECCSEX00). That will open the description page for that variable, as illustrated below.

Study	Study sweep	Source dataset

Results

➕ 📖 Millennium Cohort Study › 📘 Age 11 Survey (2012) › 📄 MCS5 Child Paper Self-Completion Dataset

Variable   Details   Lineage

Name ECCSEX00	Variable name
Label CM Sex	Variable label
Dataset UKDA-SN-7464-2	Source dataset

Descriptive statistics for the data collected

Value	Label	Frequency		
-1	Not applicable	0		
1	Male	6791	▬▬▬▬▬	
2	Female	6678	▬▬▬▬▬	

Valid	Invalid	Min	Max	Mean
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