



For All

GETTING STARTED WITH...

TRIP

TRIP is the abbreviation for Turning Research into Practice .

This is a free online clinical search tool designed to allow health professionals to identify the highest quality and current clinical evidence from a wide range of resources, including systematic reviews (such as Cochrane), evidence based synopses, guidelines from around the world, clinical "questions and answers", e-textbooks, patient information leaflets and peer-reviewed articles within PubMed.

Go to <http://www.tripdatabase.com>

How to use TRIP

Enter your search term(s) in the search box on the home page screen.. Simple Boolean searching (AND, OR) is recognised, eg you can enter *breast or ovarian*.

In addition to Boolean searching you can also use brackets to enhance the search e.g. (measles OR mumps) and pregnancy

Phrase searching is achieved by using the quotation marks,
e.g. "prostate cancer".

TRIP includes a powerful synonyms finder which improves the results, e.g. if *IBS* is entered the database will also search for 'irritable bowel syndrome', 'spastic colon', 'functional colonic disease' etc.

Advanced Search

Use the Advanced search facility to achieve more focused results. It defaults to searching for key term(s) anywhere in the document but you can change this to searching in the title only. The advanced search also allows you to limit your results by publication date.

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Results display

The results are listed in the centre of the page in the order of relevance. You can change this to the order of publication date (see drop-down options under the Results). Use the tabs at the top of the screen to see the Results for Evidence, Images, Videos, Education, Patient Information, News, PubMed Clinical Queries, and Dynamed.

Under the Evidence tab, you can see the total number of hits on the right-hand side, broken down into evidence type. For example:

- Evidence based synopses
- Systematic reviews
- Guidelines (Aus. & NZ, Canada, UK, USA, Other)
- Clinical Q & A
- Key primary research
- Controlled Trials
- Extended primary research
- eTextbooks
- For developing world
- By clinical area

PubMed Clinical Queries

TRIP automatically searches Medline via PubMed interface using the clinical queries search filters (therapy, diagnosis, etiology, prognosis, systematic reviews). Clicking on any of the filters takes you to PubMed where you can scan the results and use the Limits to reduce the number of articles.

Images

TRIP will display image results for the chosen key term(s) if they are available within the site. It also searches Google Images and displays these on the right hand side of the screen.

Extra CPD features when registered (free) and logged in

When you log in, TRIP will record all of the material you look at, and it offers an in-built reflective tool to allow easy recording of your thoughts. Have a look at the About section for more information: <http://www.tripdatabase.com/about>.