Getting started with… TRIP

Go to… www.tripdatabase.com

What is TRIP?
TRIP stands 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, patient information leaflets and peer-reviewed articles within PubMed.

How to use TRIP
• Enter your search term(s) in the search box on the homepage. Simple Boolean searching (AND, OR) is recognised. For example, you can enter: breast OR ovarian
• In addition to Boolean searching you can also use brackets to enhance the search. For example, (measles or mumps) AND pregnancy
• Phrase searching is achieved by using quotation marks, e.g., “prostate cancer”
• TRIP includes a powerful synonyms finder that improves search results. For example, if IBS is entered, the database will also search for irritable bowel syndrome, spastic colon, functional colonic disease, and so on

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.

Results display
The results are listed in the centre of the page in order of relevance. You can change this to the order of publication date (see drop-down options under Results).

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Results display (continued)
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 (Australia and New Zealand, 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 the PubMed interface using its clinical queries search filters (therapy, diagnosis, etiology, prognosis, systematic reviews). Clicking on any of the filters takes you to PubMed where you can browse the results and apply limits to reduce the number of results.

Images
TRIP will display image results for the chosen key term(s) if they are available. 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 records all of the material you look at, and offers a built-in reflective tool to allow easy recording of your thoughts. Have a look at the About section for more information: http://tripdatabase.com/about

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