**TRIP database** (Turning Research Into Practice)

### Background & coverage
The TRIP Database searches over 75 sites of high-quality medical information. The TRIP Database gives you direct, hyperlinked access to the largest collection of 'evidence-based' material on the web as well as articles from premier on-line journals such as the BMJ, JAMA, NEJM etc.

### Best Clinical Use
Best used to search for evidence-based clinical practice guidelines and systematic reviews for common and uncommon conditions, particularly background information. Less useful for rare conditions and answers to very specific questions on patient subgroups. Not useful for translational or basic science information.

### Positives
- Indexes Cochrane Library and EBM clinical guidelines from around the world
- Available as PDFs
- Guidelines identified by region

### Negatives
- It can be difficult to find full-text when off-site
- Information may be many mouse clicks away
- May keep links to superseded information and guidelines
- No explicit information on levels of evidence, no critical appraisal

### Search Tips and Tools:

#### Advanced search
The Advanced search offers two search options:
- **Title**: search for keywords in the title of a document.
- **Title and text**: search for keywords in the title and the text of a document.

**Tip**: Use the **Title** search for the condition and the **Title and text** search for an intervention.

#### Truncation & wildcards
- Use * to find suffix variations of any length, e.g. *Disease* finds *diseases,* *disease* etc.
- Use quotation marks to search for a phrase e.g. "prostate cancer"

#### Additional limits & filters
- Use the ‘**Filter by**’ function on the right-hand side of the screen to limit results according to the EBM hierarchy e.g. clinical guidelines, systematic reviews, etc.
- Use the specialization function to search PubMed across a selection of core journals from a specific clinical specialty e.g. allergy, anaesthetics, etc.
- You can also use the specialization function to search by clinical specialty category e.g. therapy, diagnosis, etc.

**Retrieved too much**, narrow your search:
- Use a narrower term or add additional terms to qualify the search

**Retrieved too little**, broaden your search:
- Use a broader term (eye diseases instead of retinal diseases)
- Use OR with synonymous concepts
- Truncate text words