## Levels of Evidence

- 1. Systematic Reviews
  - a. Cochrane Systematic Reviews (Gold Standard)
  - b. Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects (DARE)
  - c. TRIP Database
  - d. SUMSearch
  - e. PubMed Clinical Queries search for Systematic Reviews
- 2. Critically Appraised Topics (Evidence Synthesis; Tell you how strong the evidence is)
  - a. Critically Appraised Topics
    - i. ACP PIER
    - ii. Clinical Evidence
    - iii. DynaMed
    - iv. National Guideline Clearinghouse
    - v. TRIP Database
  - b. Critically Appraised Individual Articles
    - i. ACP Journal Club
    - ii. BMJ Updates
    - iii. TRIP Database
- 3. Article Synopsis\*
- 4. Randomized Controlled Trials\*
- 5. Cohort Studies\*
- 6. Case Control Studies/Case Series and Reports\*
- 7. Background Information/Expert Opinion
  - a. UpToDate
  - b. Other electronic textbooks: Harrison's Online, Nelson's Textbook of Pediatrics, Schwarz Principles of Surgery, etc
- \* Unfiltered Resources
  - PubMed Search Engine
  - OVID Search Engine
  - CENTRAL Registry (available via Cochrane website)