

## Pedscapes

**MD Net Guide-** *www.mdng.com*. The MD Net Guide is a collection of online journals for doctors on various Internet issues. The collection has various specialty sections, including one on pediatrics. Topics include updates on use of Internet, useful links, features articles, electronic newsletter, antivirus corner, managed care, palm resources for the PDA and an Evidence Based Medicine resource center.

**MerckMedicus** - *www.merckmedicus.com*. The updated website of Merck Medicus is easy to navigate and includes the following sections- a Medical library containing medical references, national guidelines and disease modules; Professional development section containing CMEs and board reviews; Patient resources including “what your patients are seeing”, patient handouts and clinical trial information; Using technology section; an

e-Assistant section containing clinical tools; various specialty pages; journal scan; medical news; MD alerts and consumer news. This is a useful medical portal for busy practitioners.

**TRIP database** - *www.tripdatabase.com*. Turning Research into practice is the full form of TRIP. The TRIP aims to “bring together all evidence based health care resource available on the net”. Various sources of information are screened and records updated monthly. The database has powerful search features to account for synonyms and misspellings. The basic version is free while advanced version requires a paid subscription.

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