**Grey Matters Lite**

**Search Worksheet**

**Tips and Tricks to Searching CADTH’s Top Grey Literature Resources**

**Search Tip:** Track your search terms in the “Notes” section. This will help you avoid duplicating your work if you are interrupted, and may be helpful to refer back to if you get questions about your search down the road!

**Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Resources**

**TRIP Database**

<https://www.tripdatabase.com/>

**Search Tips:** *Free sign up required to access most results, paid membership required to access all content. On the results page, use filters on the right-hand side to refine initial search (e.g., to “All Secondary Evidence” only).*

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**Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD)**

International database: <https://www.crd.york.ac.uk/CRDWeb/>

Canadian HTA database: <http://www.crd.york.ac.uk/PanHTA/>

**Search Tips:** *CRD databases include Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects (DARE), HTA database, and NHS Economic Evaluation Database (NHS EED). DARE and NHS EED are no longer updated as of March 2015. As of March 31, 2018, CRD is no longer adding new records to the HTA database (until a new database platform becomes available).*

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**CADTH**

<https://www.cadth.ca/search?keywords>

**Search Tips:** *Can limit by "Product Line," "Result Type," "Publication Date," etc. in the bar at the left side of the page. Includes projects in progress as well as completed projects.*

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**Health Quality Ontario (HQO)**

<http://www.hqontario.ca/Evidence-to-Improve-Care/Recommendations-and-Reports>

**Search Tips:** *Search all publications by entering keywords in the top right-hand search box or browse each of the different report types linked to in the left-hand menu (e.g., "Reviews and Recommendations," "Journal: Ontario Health Technology Assessment Series," "Other Publications," etc.) separately.*

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**Institut national d’excellence en santé et en services sociaux (INESSS)**

<http://www.inesss.qc.ca/publications/publications.html>

**Search Tips:** *When searching, consider French keywords especially for indication.*

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**Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)**

<https://www.ahrq.gov/research/findings/evidence-based-reports/search.html>

**Search Tips:** Use EPC reports search box to search keywords or *limit by topic, publication date, EPC report type, etc.* *In progress reports can be searched separately under "EPC Type" section in the left-hand menu, but they are also included when searching the search box.*

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**National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE)**

<https://www.nice.org.uk/>

**Search Tips:** *To browse by "topic" or "guidance by programme," select “NICE Guidance” tab in the top right-hand of the page.” For individual report, check different tabs in the middle of the page for additional documents (e.g., “Tools and resources” or “Evidence”).*

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**Guidelines**

**Infobase: Clinical Practice Guideline (Canadian)**

<https://www.cma.ca/En/Pages/clinical-practice-guidelines.aspx>

**Search Tips:** *To search full text (not just title) check off "Include full text in search" box below the search box. Can browse by "Condition" or "Speciality" in the middle of the page.*

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**ECRI Guidelines Trust**

<https://guidelines.ecri.org/>

**Search Tips:** *Need to register to access.*

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**Trial Registries**

**ClinicalTrials.gov**

[https://clinicaltrials.go**v/**](https://clinicaltrials.gov/)

**Search Tips:** *Use "Advanced search" for more targeted searches.*

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**WHO International Clinical Trials Registry Platform (ICTRP)**

<http://apps.who.int/trialsearch/>

**Search Tips:** *Use "Advanced search" screen to limit results. Click on the "+", left to the title, to view all trial entries. Ignore trials with ID numbers beginning with "NCT," if you have already searched for trials from Clinicaltrials.gov.*

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**Safety and Regulatory Resources**

**Regulatory:**

**Health Canada Summary Basis of Decision: Drugs**

<https://hpr-rps.hres.ca/reg-content/summary-basis-decision-result.php?lang=en&term>

**Search Tips:** *For keyword searching, use search box under "Filter items" or select “All” under “Show entries” and use find feature (Ctrl-F) and search by drug name.*

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**Medical Devices Active Licence Listing (MDALL)**

<https://health-products.canada.ca/mdall-limh/index-eng.jsp>

**Search Tips:** *Select “Active Licence Search” for class 2 or higher medical devices approved for sale in Canada.*

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**Drugs@FDA**

<https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/daf/>

**Search Tips:** *Search drug name, click on the drug name, select the appropriate route of administration (if applicable), click on "Approval Date(s) and History, Letters, Labels, Reviews" link, then click on "Review" link to view medical and/or statistical information, etc.*

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**Devices@FDA**

<https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/devicesatfda/index.cfm>

**Search Tips:** *Devices@FDA searches the PMN-510(k) Premarket Notification and PMA-Premarket Approval FDA databases. Can sort results by approval date or device name.* [Languages: English]

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**European Public Assessment Reports (EPAR)**

<https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/medicines/field_ema_web_categories%253Aname_field/Human/ema_group_types/ema_medicine>

**Search Tips:** *For keyword searching, use the search box.*

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**Safety:**

**Health Canada: Healthy Canadian Recalls and Alerts**

<http://www.healthycanadians.gc.ca/recall-alert-rappel-avis/search-recherche/advanced-avancee/en>

**Search Tips:** *Choose "Health products" in category drop down menu.*

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**MedWatch: FDA Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program**

<https://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/default.htm>

**Search Tips:** *Use "Ctrl-F" to search most recent safety alerts. Older alerts are archived at:* [*http://wayback.archive-it.org/7993/20170110235327/http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/default.htm*](http://wayback.archive-it.org/7993/20170110235327/http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/default.htm)

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**FDA Manufacturer and User Facility Device Experience (MAUDE)**

[https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfmaude/se](https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfmaude/search.cfm)

**Search Tips:** *Search by device's brand name, model number, manufacturer, etc.*

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**European Medicines Agency (EMA): Patient Safety**

<https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/medicines/field_ema_web_categories%253Aname_field/Human/ema_group_types/ema_medicine/ema_medicine_patient_safety/1>

**Search Tips:** Use Ctrl-F and s*earch by the drug name.*

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**Internet**

**Google**

<https://www.google.ca>

**Suggested Search Strings for different study types:**

* ***RCTs:*** *“Randomized controlled trial” OR RCT OR “random allocation” OR randomization OR “double blind” OR “single blind”*
* ***SR/MA/HTA:*** *“Systematic review” OR “meta-analysis” OR “meta-analyses” OR “health technology assessment” OR HTA OR HTAs OR “technology appraisal” OR “biomedical technology assessment”*
* ***Guidelines:*** *Guideline OR guidance OR standards OR recommendation OR “position statement” OR “policy statement” OR “best practice” OR “consensus statement”*
* ***Economics:*** *“Health economics” OR “economic evaluation” OR pharmacoeconomic OR “pharmaco-economic” OR cost OR costs OR expense OR price*

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**Access our full Grey Matters checklist here: https://www.cadth.ca/resources/finding-evidence/grey-matters**

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