Promoting the use of evidence based practices among pediatric PACU nurses can be challenging. Much of the research done in perioperative complexes is done with adult patients. PACUs, like many nursing units, are multigenerational meaning not all staff members are equal in computer skills and evaluating research.

We set out to develop a forum in which the PACU staff had the opportunity to read relevant research and at the same time improve their skills at grading research.

In order to accomplish these objectives the nurse researcher and clinical nurse specialist (CNS) developed a class each PACU RN attended to learn how to perform an electronic literature search. Some staff were more engaged in research than others and it was this group that formed the journal club. One member expressed interest in leading the group and became the journal club coordinator.

Secondly, the journal club group met to brainstorm about topics that were relevant to PACU practice. The question that resulted was used to guide the selection of articles using their new found literature search skills.

Our next step was to instruct journal club members on the use of research and non-research grading tools using articles related to our question. This accomplished two objectives at once: increasing the skill set of the journal club members while simultaneously increasing knowledge by beginning a literature review of our topic.

In the future, we are hopeful that this group will be able to develop their practice question into a research study.