Background Information Related to Problem Identification: Perianesthesia nursing practice in our institution is internally focused, not commonly looking outside to improve knowledge and enhance patient care. Alternative methods are needed to engage staff in ongoing learning and knowledge acquisition.

Objectives of Project:
To promote interest in literature pertinent to perianesthesia nursing practice.
To enhance the practice and expand the knowledge base of perianesthesia nurses.

Process of Implementation: We created an online journal club, requesting staff participation with good results. Journal articles and questions were posted on a browser-based university web site, moderated by a staff nurse and supported by the CNS. These online postings were followed with face-to-face group meetings to discuss the articles and generate additional interest and dialog between staff.

Statement of the Successful Practice: The perianesthesia nurses expanded their knowledge of practice and standards leading to improved care, patient outcomes, and patient safety.

Implications for Advancing the Practice of Perianesthesia Nursing: Informed nurses provide quality patient care by using evidence to support practice. Additionally, nurses become more engaged and ask more informed questions to improve patient care.