

ONLINE JOURNAL CLUB 24/7

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Background Information: Our Evidence-Based Practice & Research Council surveyed staff RN's, Unit Based Councils and Nursing Councils to determine if journal clubs were currently taking place. We found that many were not occurring due to lack of time on the part of staff, multi-shift schedule formats, and unwillingness on the part of staff to come in on days off or give up personal time when not at work.

Objectives of the Project: Due to lack of access to a journal club and few taking place within our institution we decided to provide a monthly journal club that is available to all staff nurses, regardless of shift or day of the week. This would enhance opportunities for nurses to access Evidence Based Practice by participating in journal clubs.

Process of Implementation: A literature review on electronic journal clubs was conducted. We then pursued the project with a test area and worked extensively with the hospital's webmaster to carry the plan forward. We incorporated the seven steps of EBP to determine our plan. We developed a welcome page, described how to access, and requirements to participate and obtain continuing education credit for journal club participation. The leaders' responsibilities were defined. One leader would write the article summary and monitor and encourage forum responses and the other leader would write up a slide show and evaluation. Each of our Nursing Councils select two articles per year on topics chosen on a needs assessment.

Statement of Successful Practice: The new electronic journal club was formally introduced on January 2015. The professional discussion is stimulated across our institution and on all shifts.

Implications for Advancing the Practice of Perianesthesia Nursing: By providing a journal club in electronic format that is easily accessible at all hours, we have increased staff participation and promoted collegial interactions, evidence-based practice, and ultimately better care of our patients. Now that it has occurred hospital-wide we plan on focusing one on the Perianesthesia area. It could even be more specific to Preoperative, Postoperative or Intraoperative areas.