Journal Clubs

What is a Journal Club?

It is a forum where health professionals discuss and appraise research articles which are relevant to their practice

What are the benefits of a Journal Club?

- Development of critical appraisal skills
- Can assist with keeping up to date with the latest research
- Supports evidence based practice
- Can inspire research ideas
- Potential to improve clinical practice
- Supports KSF dimensions IK2 levels 2,3 and IK3 level 3

How do I set up a Journal Club?

Other professionals have written about how to set up journal clubs and best practice in running them. See below for a selection of resources that might be helpful:

Aronson, J.K. (2017) Journal Clubs: 2. Why and how to run them and how to publish them. *Evidence Based Medicine,* 22(6), pp. 232-234. Available online: http://ebm.bmj.com/content/ebmed/22/6/232.full.pdf

Chan, T.M. *et al.* (2015) 10 steps for setting up an online journal club. *Journal of continuing education in the health professions*, 35(2), pp. 148-154. Available online: https://escholarship.org/uc/item/9q2017nc

How can the Library support my journal club?

- We can find relevant journal articles for your club by carrying out a **literature search.**
- We provide **Training** to help you search databases and acquire basic critical appraisal skills (no statistics!) either for your whole group or individually.
- Provide advice on creating an Athens account to access electronic journals.
- Our document supply service can obtain journal articles we do not have access to electronically or in print.
- We can attend your journal club to update you on Library Services, just contact us to arrange a convenient date
- Photocopying facilities are available at both libraries
- Provide advice regarding copyright

Other useful links

- **Centre for Evidence Based Medicine**
- **Critical Appraisal Skills Programme (CASP) checklists**
- **NHS Evidence - includes databases and electronic journals**
- **Library catalogue**

For further information about how we can support you please contact us for an informal chat or we can arrange a visit to your department.