# Journal Club Conference

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*Last Thursday Evenings of each month except as noted at 7:30 pm*

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Journal Club Guidelines

The goal of Journal Club is to help resident physicians to adopt a systematic approach to the review of journal articles in order to enhance the ability to analyze, critique, and design scientific investigations. At each Journal Club meeting, articles assigned in advance will be reviewed and discussed by residents, with staff.

The following points should be addressed for each article:

1. What question has been asked?
2. What is the study design used to answer the question?
3. What are the strengths and weaknesses of the study design?
4. What are the results?
5. Do the conclusions reflect the results?
6. How do the conclusions reflect the views of the current available literature?
   Note: Cite two reference texts recommended by the program, for example Bailey’s, English, Cummings, etc.
7. Has the question been answered?
8. How could the study have been improved?
9. What are interesting investigations, pertaining to this study, that could be conducted in our program?

Assignments should be distributed to residents one week in advance. Each resident is to present one article and be responsible for the content of all articles. An “open format” discussion will take place following each presentation. If the above program is unable to be completed at Journal Club, the presenter will have the opportunity for presentation at a later date, for example after the next Grand Rounds conference.