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Introduction: Pennsylvania Educational Requirements

- 30 CEUs
- 10 CEUs acquired by active participation
- 1 CEU required in Ethics and Patient Safety



Methods: Journal Club Meeting Process

- Meet monthly 0715-0815.
- Peer journal articles are distributed after each meeting to every club member.
- Two articles reviewed monthly and presented by club members.
- An article review sheet is completed and presented at the monthly meeting.
- Monthly meeting minutes are distributed to all members along with article review sheets.
- Meetings open to all staff and other clinical team members.

Journal Club Members

- Staff Practitioners
- Medical Residents
- Departmental Medical Director
- Respiratory Students
- Critical Care RNs

Results: Journal Club Outcomes

- Enhances learning germane to current practices.
 - Review and discuss evidence-base outcomes.
 - Develop skills to critically examine study designs and clinical results.
 - Integrate clinical findings to current practice.
 - Improved staff satisfaction.
- Ability to obtain a large portion of state required CEUs.

Conclusion

- Journal Club provides an educational forum to help fulfill state licensure requirements.
- Journal Club helps evaluate current clinical practices in terms of evidence based outcomes.
- Journal Club improves staff satisfaction.

