The Utilization of a Respiratory Care Journal Club to Facilitate State Continuing Division of Educational Credits

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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.