Policies and Procedures: The Residents’ Journal Club

The Residents' Journal Club is a valued component of the Pediatric Resident Research Curriculum overseen by the Research Director. Journal Club is organized and run by resident reps with assistance from the Journal Club facilitator and leader and the Scholarly Activities Coordinator.

The purpose of the Residents' Journal Club is to assist residents with development of critical appraisal skills for pediatric literature and to engage in active discussion with peers and faculty hosts on selected topics in a non-formal atmosphere.

- 2 residents per year volunteer as Journal Club reps
- Reps request divisions to host a Journal Club on a rotating basis
- Reps liaise with divisions to select articles for critical review
- Reps assign 2 residents/Journal Club to present an article for review & lead the group discussions
- Faculty hosts may provide research opportunities for residents

Date/ Time/and Location:
- Journal Clubs are held the 3rd Thursday of the month from 6-8 pm
- 1st Journal Club occurs in July; remaining sessions are between October & June
- Sessions are largely held in Rm 2B54B on the BCCH site
- 2-3 Journal Clubs per year may be held off site

Attendance:
- Expectation is for residents to attend 60% of sessions (6 sessions/10)
- Residents are excused with valid reason (e.g. vacation, post-call, conferences, etc) or otherwise marked as absent
- Residents sign in on attendance sheet at Journal Clubs; forms are collected by resident reps and given to the Scholarly Activities Coordinator
- Attendance is recorded and evaluated by the Scholarly Activities Coordinator

Schedule of Residents’ Journal Club Presentations:
- Reps schedule resident speakers for the 10 Journal Club sessions
- 2 residents per Journal Club each present an article for group discussion
- Residents must present in a Journal Club session during residency

Faculty Division Hosts:
- Reps liaise with faculty hosts regarding their Journal Club & expectations
- Faculty hosts liaise with resident presenters to select articles for review
- Faculty hosts are asked to arrange a back-up host if needed
- Faculty hosts may provide residents with research opportunities in their division

Preparation of Articles for Discussion:
- Reps send out articles 7-10 days prior to Journal Club for all residents to review
- When appropriate, a critical appraisal checklist is also sent out with the article
Objective is to have a stimulating discussion mediated by presenters, rather than a didactic power point show

Catering/Food:
- Budget is $180 per month; catering is organized by the Journal Club reps
- Attendance sheet with residents & faculty is submitted by Reps with original catering receipts & a Non-RAF Expense claim form for reimbursement
- Budget for Journal Clubs held at faculty homes is a fixed stipend of $180

Evaluation of Journal Clubs:
- Each Journal Club is evaluated for attendance and presentations
- Evaluation summaries are done by the Scholarly Activities Coordinator