

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE & HEALTH SCIENCES
Department of Internal Medicine

Journal Club Guidelines

Purpose: This guideline will establish and standardize the presentation of Journal Club that occurs on a monthly basis.

Applications: This applies to all residents in the Department of Internal Medicine as well as those non-medicine residents who wish to participate in Internal Medicine Journal Club.

Background: The Journal Club is a required activity under the ACGME RRC for Internal Medicine Section V-G-2-f.

- Guidelines:**
1. At each Journal Club, every resident will attend having read one article that he/she is prepared to present. Original research articles (not review articles) or relevant commentaries should be selected for presentation. About 3-6 residents will present at each journal club session.
 2. Presentations will be approximately 5-10 minutes in duration. Residents will cite the article's journal source, institution where the study was conducted, provide a brief background of the topic, provide a brief description of the study Methods (including study type [e.g., case-control study, randomized, double-blind study, decision analysis]) and Results, and give a brief summation of the major Discussion points and Conclusions of the paper. The resident will also try to highlight some of the real or potential limitations of the study reviewed.
 3. Articles will be reviewed according to the format of the 'The JAMA Series' User's Guide to the Medical Literature. The article will be discussed in a structured fashion following the User's Guide.
 4. If desired, residents will bring photocopies of relevant Figures or Tables in order to facilitate their presentation.
 5. All key academic faculty will be encouraged to attend Journal Club, and other physicians are welcome.