

Journal Club: Tips for facilitating/presenting



Generally, in a Journal Club, members take turns to present a critical appraisal of a chosen paper each session and facilitate discussion.

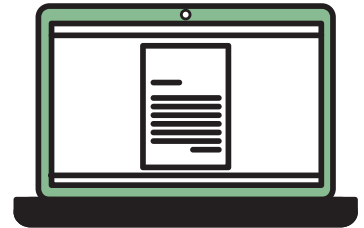
When preparing to lead the session.

If you are able to choose the paper, choose one that is interesting to you and recently published.

Circulate access to the paper to the attendees early, to give them plenty of time to read it.

Consider using a Critical Appraisal Checklist (e.g CASP) to help you note down and organise your thoughts. The checklist can also provide a format for your presentation.

Relate the paper to your own experiences or practice (practical examples are always preferred).



Managing barriers to engagement

- The attendees didn't read the paper or only skimmed it
- Accessing the paper was difficult
- Other demands on time/shift patterns
- The paper didn't engage them

- Make access to the paper easy
- Provide hard copies to attendees at the meeting
- Present a quick summary of the paper, highlighting key points of interest (less than 25% of the meeting)
- Relate your findings to examples of your practice

Make it collaborative!

-Split the attendees into groups to appraise sections of the paper, and then present back

-Split into two groups and have them debate 'for' and 'against' the viewpoint/implementation

-Relate the paper to an example in your practice and encourage a discussion:

Do others have similar feelings/experiences?

Do they think the paper's findings applicable?

Would things need to change in other aspects of the organisation for the innovation/change to work?

What would they change/do if planning further research?

