

PAHT Critical Care eJournal Club

Project aim

To set up a messenger-based virtual journal club with members from various disciplines who are all involved in critical care at PAH


Timeline for delivery

Started in November 2017 and run on a weekly basis


Measures

- The virtual format of the journal club via WhatsApp allows participation regardless of location and time-constraints
- The format generates an accessible record of discussions, articles and appraisals


Tests for change

 Evaluate local practice and implement evidence-based care to improve patient outcome

Encourage interaction and dialogue with other group members and promote team building

 Share knowledge of current clinical research; facilitate learning process; enhance literature critique and appraisal skills

Virtual-based club reliant on neither limited hospital meeting facilities nor time constraints

 Deliver high quality care in a cost-effective manner



Project team

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Results

The journal club has recruited 80 multi-disciplinary members from junior & senior physicians to nursing staff, a microbiologist, physiotherapists, ODPs, a pharmacist, a librarian and others

We have hosted external participants including international ICU experts, a renal consultant and a radiologist who were all invited to discuss critical care articles with us

We have appraised 50 critical care articles from 10 journals

We have presented and consequently discussed 17 ICU-related topics

Learning and next steps

We have found a virtual journal club via a messaging service to be the most pragmatic format for the challenges of maintaining an inclusive, multi-disciplinary, sustainable journal club for a department of our size.

The club will continue to be updated based on feedback from our members.

