Implementation of a Nursing Journal Club using LibGuides

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Introduction and Objectives
- Create an online journal club for Advanced Practice Nurses for continuing education and professional development
- Access journal club on and off campus throughout the Cleveland Clinic Health System
- Update articles quarterly to increase opportunities to obtain CE credits

Why LibGuides
- No existing content or learning management system at Cleveland Clinic that supported journal clubs
- No additional cost since the Library already licensed LibGuides

Planning Team
- Advanced Practice Nurses’ Education Committee
- Senior Director of Nursing Education
- Medical Librarian

Locations

10 Hospitals in Northeast Ohio:
- Main Campus, Akron General, Avon, Euclid, Fairview, Hillcrest, Lutheran, Marymount, Medina, South Pointe

Implementation
- Create LibGuide and discussion board for the journal club site
- Create patron accounts for each participant by uploading email, default password, first and last name via CSV file
- Develop discussion questions and help guides
- Obtain approval for CE credits from Nursing Education
- Coordinate evaluation and CE claiming procedures with existing myCME site
- Develop maintenance procedures for updating patron accounts and CE credits and selecting new articles each quarter
- Test with planning team to work out initial bugs
- Soft rollout first to Main Campus to identify additional bugs
- Rollout to all sites after final problems were resolved

Participation

Challenges
- Troubleshoot questions on how to use the website, especially with 2 logins and non-intuitive method to respond to discussion questions
- Increase participation: many patron accounts compared to replies on the discussion site
- Find articles each quarter licensed for all 10 Cleveland Clinic hospitals

Outcomes
- Advanced Practice Nurses’ journal club operational from November 2016 (soft rollout) to present
- Expanded access to the APN Journal Club in 2018 to the 10th hospital: Cleveland Clinic Akron
- Two new journal clubs created in 2017 using this model for Neuro ICU and Neuro Stepdown Unit nurses at Main Campus
- Created third journal club in 2017 for nurses on the Stroke Unit by modifying the APN journal club site