



LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY

MEDICAL CENTER

Staff Development



***Faculty Development Showcase Week:***  
***Using Critical Appraisal Tools to Improve Critical Thinking Skills***

**Course Description:**

Journal clubs are an important component to resident education. Journal clubs provide participatory discourse in analyzing and reviewing articles relevant to current evidence. It is important to ensure that the residents are able to critically appraise the literature and identify high quality research. The objective of this presentation is to share a new format of journal club discussions. I will explain the tools used, the advantages of using the new format and the benefits from following it for residents and course directors.

**Course Objectives:**

The participant will:

1. Describe a new method/format of journal club discussions.
2. Discuss a simple format of the level of evidence to critically appraise the current literature.
3. List the benefits from using the new format for the residents/students and the faculty.
4. Review different options of applying the tool in journal club sessions.