

Kidney Transplant Journal Club – Terms of Reference

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Purpose:

The Kidney Transplant Program is committed to delivering exemplary care to our recipients. This includes assuring that our care reflects current leading practice and evidence-based medicine.

The purpose of Journal Club is to:

- Review and discuss current literature
- Develop skills in evaluating medical literature and improve critical thinking skills
- Promote respectful and inclusive discussion of the presented material
- Modify or develop new medical protocols and guidelines for the management of kidney transplant recipients and/or donors based on current literature

Meeting Format:

1. Journal Club will be held in-person when permitted by Western University and Lawson Health Research Institute guidelines. Video conferencing will be made available. When in-person meetings are not feasible, video conferencing will be the sole mode of communication offered. If patient details are included during the presentation or subsequent discussion, a LHSC approved platform must be utilized.
2. Journal Club should be held monthly from September to May. Journal Club will be held on the 1st Tuesday of the month from 18:30 to 19:30. This time is subject to change in the event of conflicting event held by the MOTP or national/international transplant conference.
3. A chair for each presentation will be delegated.
4. The fellow should provide up to 3 papers from peer-reviewed journals a minimum of 1 week prior to Journal Club. Papers should be chosen based on their potential for influencing clinical practice.
5. The fellow(s) should prepare 1 to 3 learning objectives for the presentation.
6. Articles and objectives for the presentation will be shared with Journal Club members and posted on the LHSC transplant intranet site at least one week prior to the meeting.
7. The presentation should be 40 minutes followed by 20 minutes of questions and discussion.
8. Discussion should lead to clear action items if appropriate. Discussion could also result no change to current practice if appropriate.

Topics:

1. Kidney transplant fellows enrolled in the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada Solid Organ Transplantation (SOT) (Kidneys) Area of Focused Competence (AFC) Program will present topics as described below. Presentations should rotate routinely between medicine and surgery. Fellows can suggest or will be given a topic for presentation. Any visiting medical or surgical transplant fellows could be invited to present as well as part of their learning objectives.

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2. Topics can be proposed by any member of the team and submitted to the Journal Club Chair. The Chair will add topics to the rotation as appropriate.
3. Topics for Journal Club presentation should include those which are current and clinically relevant. Topics should be of broad interest to the Kidney Transplant Team.

Accountability and Reporting:

1. Following Journal Club meeting, the presenting fellow(s) should prepare a brief summary (approximately 100-200 words maximum) of the presentation and action items.
2. The presentation, summary and action items will be posted on the intranet when available.