

JOURNAL CLUB CHECKLIST

Date: _____ Evaluator: _____

Presenter: _____

Title of article: _____

Author: _____

Journal citation (Title/Vol./pages/date): _____

Seven Basic Items to Check When Assessing Research Literature:

- Definition of the problem
- Specification of the research question
- Definition of the variables
- Selection of the subjects
- Selection of an appropriate research design
- Analysis of the data
- Interpretation of the results

(An article presenting original research should contain all these items, but other types of articles will not necessarily contain them, such as review articles, opinion pieces, case series, etc.)

	Y	N	<u>Did the presenter:</u>
Basics			State the problem(s) being addressed in the study?
			State the research question(s) or hypotheses?
			Describe the primary variables being measured?
			Present info on subjects used in the study and assess their appropriateness?
			Describe the research design and assess its appropriateness?
			Evaluate the appropriateness of the data analyses?
			Evaluate the appropriateness of the conclusions presented in the paper? (Were they supported by the data presented?)
Advanced			Discuss reliability of measures and data obtained?
			Discuss strengths and weaknesses of study design or study as a whole?
			Discuss the generalizability of the results?
			Discuss clinical applications or clinical importance (if applicable)?

Other comments (e.g., overall presentation, preparation, generation of discussion):