

PBLI: Clinical Question conference¹

1. Identify question, the answer to which you don't know
 - a. Usually in a clinical encounter, but potentially in clinical conference such as Medical staff meeting at dialysis unit
2. Brief literature review [recent review article from established journal plus 1 or 2 original articles]
3. Consider how the knowledge in those articles would change your interaction with patient. Would you have approached diagnostic evaluation differently? Would you have been more or less secure in recommending a particular therapy?
4. Discuss with your clinical colleagues and one or two attendings in a monthly conference.
5. Record question and citations [consider annotated bibliography format] in your portfolio.
6. Review clinical question topics at least semi-annually to guide your study.
7. Review with your program director to guide study within the fellowship.
8. Review comments from in-service exam with your clinical questions: areas of overlap?

Note: some of these questions provoke significant study which may be a “renal grand rounds” type presentation. This “clinical question conference” is meant to keep you questioning and analyzing data within the clinical context on a much more regular basis.

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