

# ICORD Wide Journal Club Guidelines

## Goal:

To create an ICORD-wide journal club (JC) that is informative and beneficial for everyone, regardless of their level of experience or field of interest.

## Date & Time:

The ICORD-wide JC will take place from 8-9 AM on the second-to-last\* Thursday of each month. It will be held in lecture hall on the first floor of the Blusson Spinal Cord Centre.

*\*April & May 2014 it will take place on the last Thursday of the month.*

<b>DATES:</b> <b>September 19<sup>th</sup>, October 24<sup>th</sup>, November 21<sup>st</sup>, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, February 20<sup>th</sup>, March 20<sup>th</sup>, April 24<sup>th</sup>, May 29<sup>th</sup></b>
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## Structure:

Each JC will be hosted by one ICORD lab. They must select an article and create a PowerPoint presentation which includes the following:

- Introduction/background information pertinent to the article you are presenting. This information should be general enough so that it is understood by a wide audience (clinical/basic/engineering). It should be approximately 20 minutes in length.
- Identify the question(s) being asked, and their importance.
- Briefly describe the methods being used. This should not be the focus of the background information unless it is a methodological paper.
- Put figures/tables onto slides for figure presenters. They should be easy to see at a distance: large (multi-panel) figures should be cropped and shown on multiple slides.
- After the figures are presented, summarize the findings of the study, state the overall conclusions, identify unanswered questions, and explain why the work is important.

It is up to the presenting lab to decide whether the background information and conclusions are given by a single member or multiple members of their lab. However, the presentation of figures and tables should be evenly distributed among members of presenting lab.

## Paper selection criteria:

Papers should be **recently published** (i.e. within the last year), **peer-reviewed, and high-impact**. Presenters are strongly encouraged to consult their supervisor if they are unsure about the suitability of a paper. Papers should be selected on the basis of the impact and quality of the work. The purpose of JC is not to critique mediocre publications but to review inspiring pieces of work. Please keep this in mind when selecting a paper.

**Rules for presenting ICORD lab:**

- The lab must select a paper and email a pdf version of the paper to the coordinator ([kcurrie@icord.org](mailto:kcurrie@icord.org)) at least one week before your IC.
- The lab must inform the coordinator whether or not they will require a laptop on the day of their presentation.

**Rules for all participants:**

- You will receive a pdf version of the JC article via email one week in advance. The article will also be available on the Trainee page of the ICORD website.
- You are expected to read the article, and come to JC ready to participate.