

PEARLS A Journal Club Program

Participating with **E**xperts for the **A**dvancement
& **R**eview of Scientific **L**iterature

Overview of PEARLS

Our field based Medical Science Liaisons moderate these programs all across the nation, bringing together health care providers from various backgrounds including academicians, clinicians and researchers to have in-depth scientific and clinical discussions, with a journal article serving as the basis for a guided discussion.

The programs scheduled throughout the year will include expert speakers who are thought leaders in the field of multiple sclerosis who will lead the attendees in scientific discussions. Some of the topics include immunology, diversity-equity-inclusion (DEI), disease progression, neuro-ophthalmology, genetics, biomarkers, symptom management, patient-reported outcomes (PRO), and neurovirology.

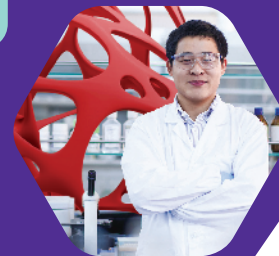
EMD Serono sponsors the programs and the speakers will be speaking on behalf of the company.



DEMANDING EVIDENCE with CRITICAL THINKING

The changes in the brain that cause multiple sclerosis (MS) have baffled scientists since it was first described as a disease in 1868. There are genetic factors predisposing individuals to developing MS, as well as potential environmental, and nutritional-related factors, but whether someone is at risk to develop symptoms is still unclear.

The general purpose of a journal club is to discuss these topics and facilitate the review of a specific research article and to discuss implications of the study for clinical practice. There are many advantages of participating in a journal club, including keeping abreast of new knowledge, disseminating awareness on the most recent scientific advances, becoming familiar with current clinical research, and encouraging research utilization.



"By being non-promotional, disease-state events, the EMD Serono Journal Clubs provide the opportunity to discuss recently-published work and invite the sort of feedback, critique, and conversation that moves our understanding of the field forward."

Stephen Krieger, MD
Corinne Goldsmith Dickinson Center for MS, Mount Sinai
New York, NY

"The journal club is a great opportunity to learn together and a golden opportunity to learn from MS Colleagues. It is a real boon to the MS team."

June Halper, MSN, RN-C, MSCN, FRAN
Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers
Hackensack, NJ

"The PEARLS Journal Club Program is the perfect opportunity for clinicians and researchers to learn about and discuss the current scientific discoveries in multiple sclerosis."

Robert Axtell, PhD
Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation
Oklahoma City, OK

"The PEARLS Journal Club provides an opportunity to discuss new MS research across a wide range of health care specialties. In contrast to the more traditional slide-lecture platform, Journal Clubs encourage discussion and debate in a friendly milieu that promotes clinical and research collaboration."

Ralph Benedict, PhD
University of Buffalo
Buffalo, NY

To learn more about EMD Serono's PEARLS Journal Club Program or to find an event near you, please contact your MSL.

