



# Creating New Initiatives in Uncharted Water: A Virtual Nursing Journal Club

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## Purpose

To provide an interactive mechanism for nurses that will assist them to:

- ❖ keep abreast of current research findings
- ❖ critically evaluate nursing research studies
- ❖ promote an EBP environment by translating new research knowledge into practice
- ❖ strengthen collegial relationships within South Nassau

## Literature Review

### Benefits of Journal Clubs

- ❖ Promote an increased awareness of research
- ❖ Educate about research utilization
- ❖ Promote EB nursing practice
- ❖ Improve quality of patient care

### Barriers to Traditional Journal Clubs

- ❖ Time
- ❖ Lack of confidence to lead group
- ❖ Interest
- ❖ Resistance to change current practice

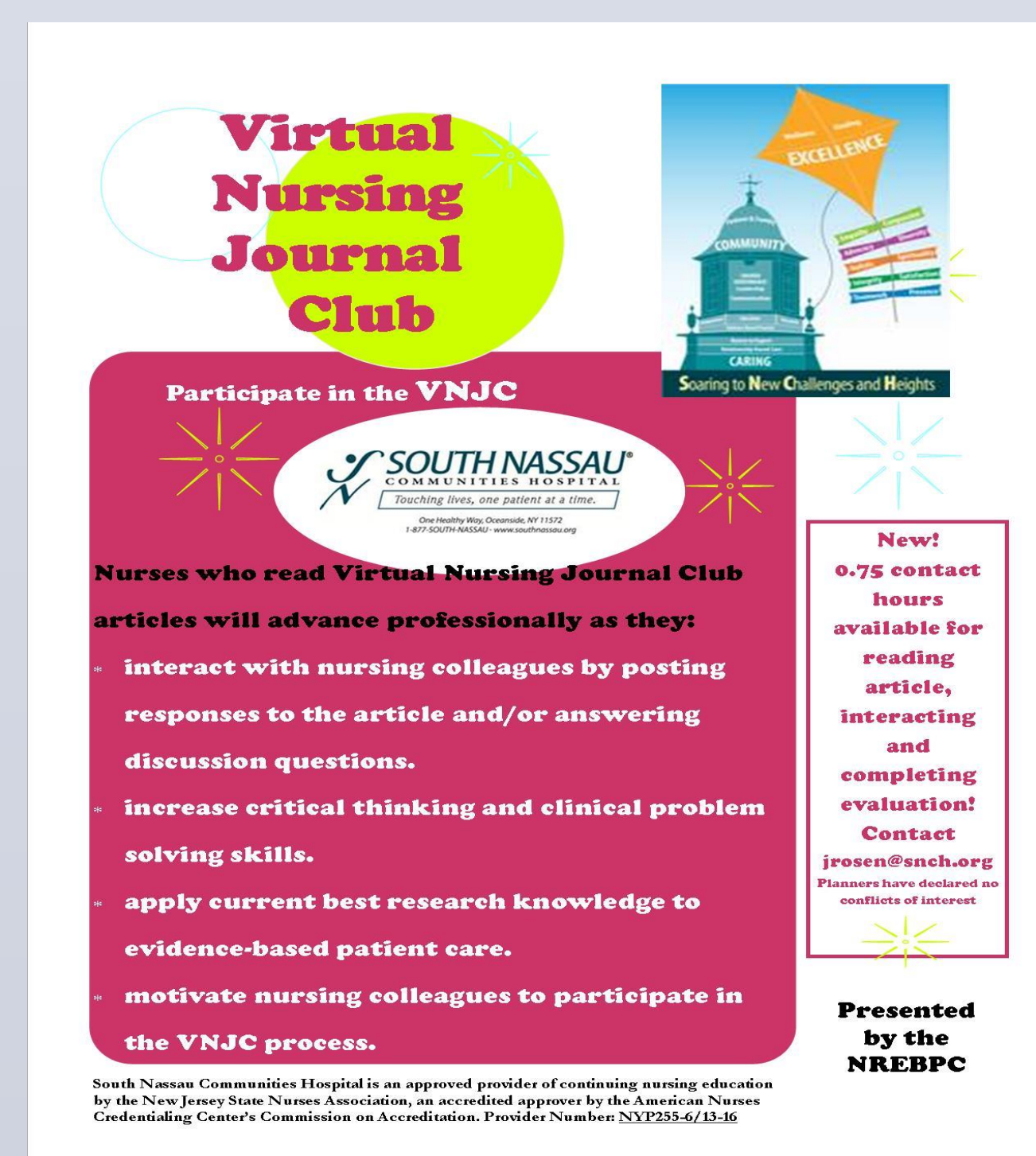
## Design

### Program Development

- ❖ Nursing Research/Evidence-Based Practice Council (NREBPC) work group
- ❖ Shared review of literature
- ❖ Selection of first article
- ❖ Critique of article
- ❖ Collaboration with IT
- ❖ Word Press®

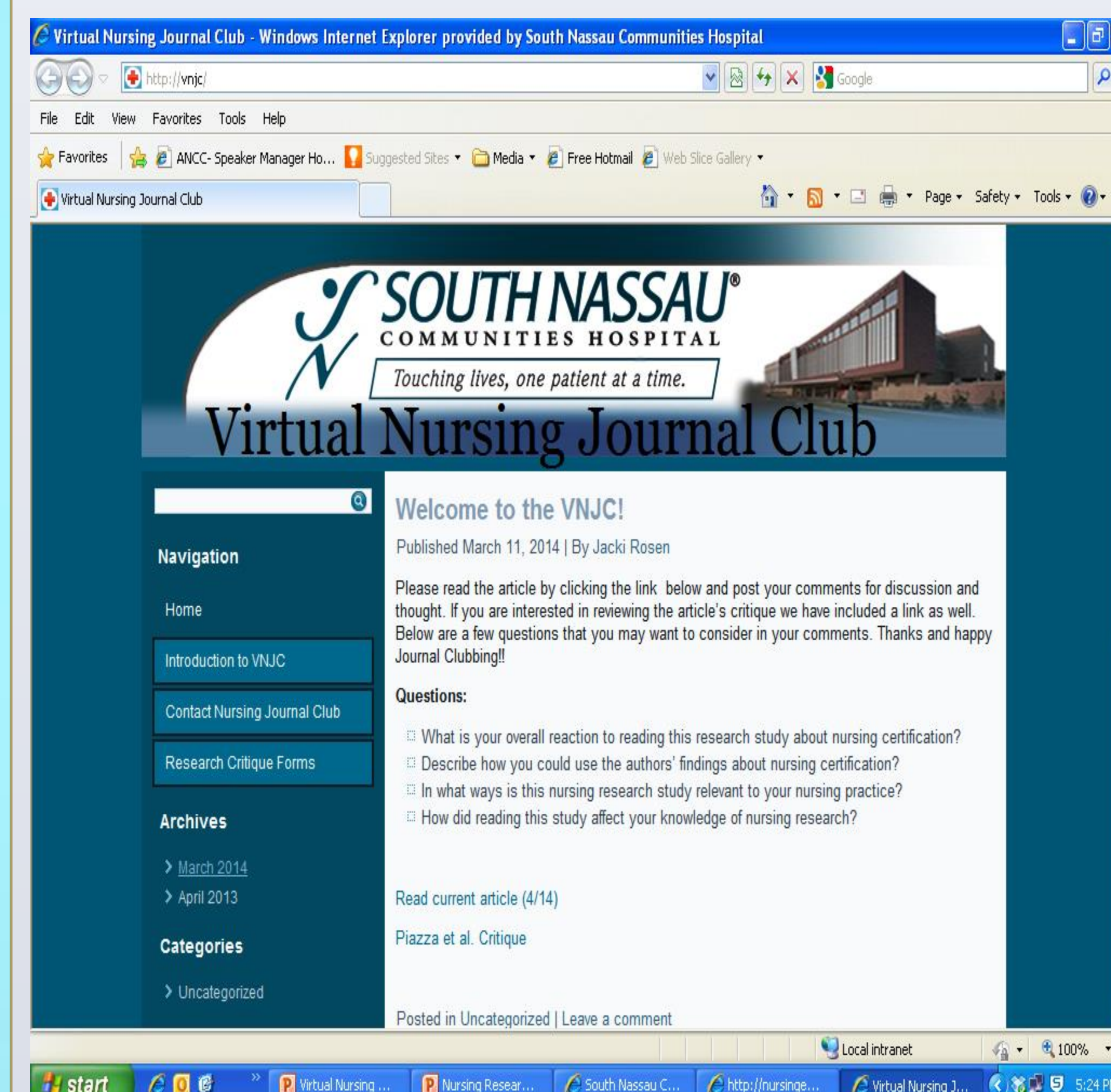
### Marketing

- ❖ Fliers
- ❖ Newsletter
- ❖ Council meetings



## Implementation

- ❖ Website pilot included:
  - ❖ First research article - April 2013
  - ❖ Blank and completed critique
  - ❖ Monitoring interactions
- ❖ Contact hours
- ❖ Enduring activity



### VNJC Challenges

- ❖ Interest/marketing
- ❖ Home access
- ❖ Intranet literacy
- ❖ Contact hours



## Outcomes

- ❖ Data about website visits
- ❖ Site feedback and comments
  - “I could use the author’s findings in my unit by explaining to staff that it’s not a task that will happen over night but if we stay committed, we can improve our practice. I especially like the quote at the end of the article, “shared governance, like Magnet, is truly a journey, not a destination; a process, not a project”. This article affected my knowledge by testing the knowledge that I do have for research, with the help of the critique form”.

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## Future Plans

- ❖ Continue quarterly postings
- ❖ Improve home access

## Recommendations

Future studies to:

- ❖ determine themes emerging from comments
- ❖ investigate whether staff are more confident using research
- ❖ explore if this mechanism fosters collegial interaction and professional development

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