



# DECISION MAKING RIG

## 2016 Summary/Plans

### Purpose

The purpose of this RIG is to advance inquiry of various aspects of decision-making within nursing science, provide a forum for disseminating knowledge relative to decision-making, promote opportunities for scholarly networking and mentoring, and recognize significant contributions of nurses to decision science research.

The Decision Making RIG is fortunate to have many experienced and funded researchers who actively contribute to the body of decision-making knowledge. Our members embrace a rich diversity of theoretical and methodological approaches to the study of decision-making and choice behaviors of both clients and providers.

### Who Should Join?

Nurses and nursing students with an interest in decision making science, clinical reasoning in nursing practice, shared provider-health care recipient decision making, or choice behaviors of health care recipients in all arenas of nursing practice.

### Overall/Long Term Goals

Showcase decision making research and provide linkages between researchers.

Develop a networking structure within the section to enable collegial discussions related to decision science.

### 2016 -2017 Goals

#### *Immediate Goals:*

- **Encourage members to engage with the Decision Making RIG through:**
  - Regular updates of scholarship related to decision making to the RIG Chairperson for dissemination on the RIG webpage, Linked In and the RIG listserve.
  - Participation in RIG activities, such as award nomination and review of applications
- **Highlight member activities through the RIG webpage.**
- **Expand RIG membership**
- **Publicize 2017 Outstanding Dissertation/Doctor of Nursing Practice Award to encourage nominations**

#### *Future/3 Year Goals:*

- **Expand RIG membership**
- **Recognize member accomplishments through annual awards**

### Recent Activities/Highlights

- The Decision Making RIG presented a guaranteed symposium at the 2015 annual conference titled *Decision Making Science: Theoretical Foundations and Practical Applications in Nursing Research*. Presentations by RIG members Dr. Cynthia Arslanian-Engoren on *An Overview of Decision Science and Decision Theory and Delays in Treatment Seeking Decisions Among Women With Acute Myocardial Infarction* and Dr. Noël Kerr on *RN Decision-making: Selection of Insulin Injection Sites in Hospitalized Patients* were well received and generated thought provoking dialogue among those in attendance. Thank you to our presenters and RIG members who reviewed submitted abstracts for the symposium.
- Congratulations to Decision Making RIG member Dr. Celia Wills! Dr. Wills received the 2016 WJNR/MNRS Sage Best Faculty Paper Award for her manuscript "*Making Do" Decisions: How Home Healthcare Personnel Manage Their Exposure to Home Hazards.*

- Congratulations to Decision Making RIG member Dr. Ronald Hickman, Jr.! Dr. Hickman received the Harriet H. Werley New Investigator Award for his work on the use of technology to maximize the quality of healthcare decision making by patients and surrogate decision makers.
- Congratulations to Decision Making RIG member Dr. Lisa Carter-Harris! Dr. Carter-Harris received the Decision Making Interest Group 2015 Emerging Scholar Award. Dr. Carter-Harris' research focuses on decision making related to lung cancer screening among at risk clients.

### 2016-2017 RIG Contacts

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### 2017 RIG Awards to be Offered

- Outstanding Dissertation /Doctor of Nursing Practice Project Award

### 2016 RIG Meeting - Attendance/Minutes

Attendance: Cynthia Arslanian-Engoren, Jaqueline Bartlett, Lisa Carter-Harris, Jennifer Dreyer, Karen Dunn Lopez, Jacquelyn Slomka, Patricia Hershberger, Noël Kerr, Celia Wills, Betsy Wilber

#### Minutes from the 2016 Annual Conference

1. Betsy Wilber shared updates from the Research Interest Groups Chairpersons meeting, including:
  - a. Consideration is being given for central submission for award nominations/applications.
  - b. Strategies used by other research interest groups to promote communication within interest groups, including member highlights, periodical newsletters, linked in.
  - c. Continued need for grant reviewers; rotating schedule in place for RIGs to provide representation.
2. Progress on Decision Making RIG 2015-2016 goals:
  - a. Guaranteed symposium was held with good attendance and good dialogue after presentations by those in attendance.
  - b. Applications were received and reviewed for our 2016 Emerging Scholar Award, with a nominee selected for the award. No applications were received for our 2015 Outstanding Dissertation/DNP award, so interest in the award process was increased this year.
  - c. Little progress was achieved in increasing networking among RIG members. A call for personal profiles yielded only a few responses. However, calls for abstract reviewers and reviewers for award applications did yield a response that facilitated accomplishing that work.
3. Dr. Lisa Carter-Harris was awarded our Emerging Scholar Award for her research on client decision making related to participation in lung cancer screening. Dr. Carter-Harris presented a very enlightening summary of her research to date, which clearly demonstrated her potential in decision making scholarship.
4. Dr. Lisa Carter-Harris accepted the position of chair elect for the Decision Making Research Interest Group. Her willingness to lead the group is sincerely appreciated.
5. General discussion included a suggestion to the MNRS planning committee that presentations to be given in RIG meetings by award recipients be included with the schedule of RIG meetings in the conference agenda so all MNRS conference attendees are aware of the planned presentations. This might increase attendance at RIG meetings and provide a wider audience for dissemination of award winning research and scholarship.
6. Goals for 2016-2017 were established (see Goals section above).  
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