Purpose
The purpose of this RIG is to advance nursing knowledge of successful approaches to health promotion, disease prevention, and self-management in diverse populations. As part of the larger health care community, nursing scholars work to better understand the complexity of factors that contribute to health behavior. We seek to promote discussion about the diverse types of health promoting behavior research conducted by MNRS members and to provide annual avenues for collaboration, consultation, and dissemination.

Who Should Join?
• Anyone with an interest in health promotion activities, especially among marginalized and vulnerable populations.

Overall/Long Term Goals
• The ultimate goal of this RIG is to improve the health and well-being of marginalized and vulnerable populations. The section recognizes excellence at various stages of research careers with annual awards for Outstanding Dissertations, New Investigators, and Senior Researchers.

2015 Goals
(I = Immediate; F = Future/3 years – this can include RIG Awards and/or Guaranteed/Competitive symposia planned)

Immediate Goals:
• Solicit abstracts for competitive symposium on primary care.
• Increase communication

Future/3 Years Goals:
• 2015 Meeting Outcome: Future Goals (3 yr):
  o plan a competitive symposium that focuses on primary prevention for the 2017 conference
  o increase frequency of communication to RIG members
  o increase research and scholarship collaboration among RIG members

Recent Activities/Highlights
(Include things such as pre-conferences, guaranteed/competitive symposia, panel discussion(s), presentations by members (for or outside MNRS), RIG awards, recent retirees, articles submitted by members (to any publication), etc.)
• Sent out 3 newsletters, surveyed membership for research activity, RIG spotlighted in WJNR
• Senior Researcher Awardee: Jaclene A. Zauszniewski
• Outstanding Dissertation Awardee: Janna D. Stephens

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2016-2017 RIG Awards to be Offered
• Outstanding Dissertation
• New Investigator
• Senior Researcher

2016 RIG Meeting - Attendance/Minutes
Attendance: 14
Minutes from the 2016 Annual Conference
(please attach minutes if taken)