

Hello Members of Pain and Symptom Management!

The Pain and Symptom Management Research Interest Group is meeting **March 18**, from **10:30-11:30 AM** in the **Lakeshore A**. We have an exciting agenda set up for this meeting.

We are very fortunate to have two Award Winners who are presenting their research!!

Dr. Catherine Cherwin is the recipient of the Dissertation Award. The title of Dr. Cherwin's presentation is "Gastrointestinal System Clusters in Hematology Patients Receiving Chemotherapy."

Dr. Gwen Wyatt is the recipient of the Distinguished Researcher Award. The title of Dr. Wyatt's presentation is "Symptoms: What Patients Tell Us."

Please join me in celebrating their successes at this 2016 MNRS Pain and Symptom Management Research Interest Group meeting!

Here is our agenda:

- I. Welcome!
New Chair to Pain and Symptom Management RIG is Dr. Judith Schlaeger.
Dr. Schlaeger will serve as our Chair, 2016-2017.
- II. Awards and Presentations
- III. Current state of the Guaranteed Symposium planning.
a. 2017 Pain and Symptom Management Guaranteed Symposium Workgroup:
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b. An announcement went out in January, 2016, asking for abstracts.
Deadline is **April 15, 2016**. I've attached this announcement to the email.
- IV. Update on the National Pain Strategy
Dr. Keela Herr
- V. Positions needed for Pain and Symptom Management RIG

- a. Co-Chair, 2017-2018 is needed. *We will need someone to serve as Co-Chair and begin mentoring for the Chair role. Start thinking about serving in this capacity.*
- b. Dr. Miriam Ezenwa has represented our Pain and Symptom Management RIG on the Grants Committee. Her term is completed in 2016. We want to thank Dr. Ezenwa for representing our RIG. Dr. Ann Malone Berger will serve as the representative of our RIG for the Grants Committee. Dr. Berger's term begins 2016.

VI. Other Business

Respectfully,
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