

Members:

Welcome to all new members to our MNRS Palliative Care and End-of-Life (PEOLC) RIG!

I hope everyone is enjoying the last days of summer! I "kicked back" when my husband and I drove 6000+ miles to the Pacific coast (I both love the sense of discovery that comes with a road trip). We toured national parks with awe-inspiring landscapes while dodging West coast forest fires. Pictures cannot convey the sheer scope of changing terrain in canyons, deserts, and mountains, whether in the Rockies, Cascades, or High Sierras (Photo from UT winding road).



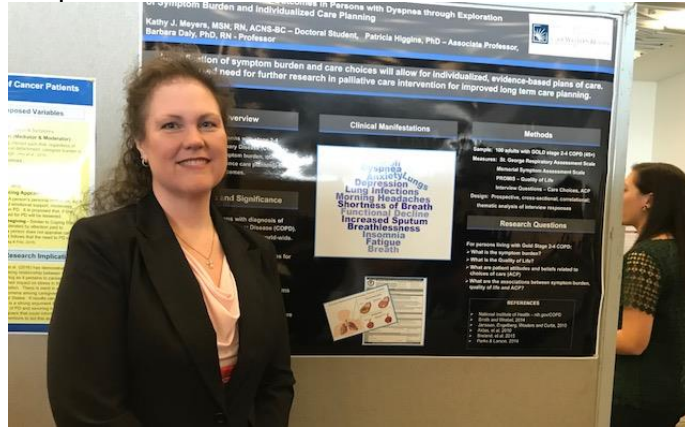
I regained appreciation for the simple pleasures to be enjoyed in the Midwest while drinking in the visual surprises around each bend in the road. Similarly, there are many opportunities or “vistas” awaiting RIG members this fall.

- **Latest on the pending Competitive Symposium for PEOLC:** The leadership team purposed to increase RIG visibility with a Competitive Symposium submission (a goal in our ongoing strategic plan): *Emerging Trends in Palliative and End-of-Life Care of Patients and Families across the Lifespan*. The symposium proposal and selected abstracts are currently under MNRS review. Thank you to all applicants for answering our RIG's call in July! Thank you to volunteer reviewers! I am hopeful we will have approval by early September, If any author's abstract was not selected, please submit for the open call for abstracts (next item).
- **MNRS call for Competitive Abstracts is open until September 14:** I encourage members to submit abstracts for the 2019 MNRS Conference. We have potential to influence more sessions with topics related to palliative and end-of-life research, with the link :
 - **Call for Competitive Abstracts** (from MNRS email)
Research and Evidence-Based Practice Abstracts may be submitted. When submitting, you may choose if you would like your abstract considered for a paper session, poster discussion, or poster session.

[Click here](#) to read more about the call for competitive abstracts.

The deadline is September 14, 2018.

- This is an open opportunity for all members-- students, faculty, and researchers at all levels. **Kathy Myers**, a doctoral student with Case Western University, presented a poster on dyspnea in palliative care at the 2018 MNRS conference in April.



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- **Consider MNRS leadership positions:** A number of current and past PEOLC RIG members have demonstrated service for elected MNRS leadership roles or committee positions. A couple of examples include **Mary Minton**, a past RIG chair who has served on various committees, and **Christine Fortney**, our current Past-chair and member of the MNRS communications committee. Consider this opportunity with the link:
 - **Call for Nominations for Board and Officers (from MNRS email)**
Your voice matters! Please nominate a current MNRS member, in good-standing, for one of the open positions below. Self-nominations are welcomed and encouraged. Open positions include:
[Board of Directors Treasurer](#)
[Board of Directors Member-at-Large](#) (2)
[Nominating Committee Member](#) (2)
The deadline is September 28, 2018
- **Calling for Nominations for PEOLC members for MNRS-wide awards:** Our leadership team has identified one or more members that we could nominate for each category of MNRS awards. We need you to recommend any nominees for new investigator, distinguished contribution, distinguished service or lifetime achievement awards with a brief description and rationale for your suggestion. I welcome your input!
 - **Email me any nominations or recommendations by September 10.**
Nominees from our RIG would need time to meet the criteria for the specific award, gather a couple letters of support, and provide publications or artifacts that match each award. Our leadership team is prepared to support qualified members and the *deadline for nominations is October 5*, linked here:
 - **Call for Award Nominations (from MNRS email)**
MNRS is requesting nominations for the following awards: (please click the award names to learn more)
[Harriet H. Werley New Investigator Award](#)
[Distinguished Contribution Award](#)
[Distinguished Service Award](#)
[Lifetime Achievement Award](#)

The deadline is October 5, 2018.

- **Calling all RIG member publications, awards received and recognition:** Email me any and all articles, book chapters, awards, or special commendations you have accomplished and received in recent months. It is important to keep our RIG updated on contributions to nursing research and practice and we include this information in our annual report. I also plan to highlight these in future RIG communications.

Our leadership team is focusing on two goals for the short-term: 1) Increase RIG communication including with our PEOLC webpage and 2) Gather RIG member expertise and research interests to foster collaboration moving forward. **Be sure to log in regularly to the PEOLC RIG webpage for new information** as you may miss blogs or updates (not distributed with regular MNRS email alerts or ListServ notifications). Our RIG page includes a blog feature, which is currently under development. The MNRS website and functions are in transition over the summer. I will be working with MNRS to update our RIG page when there is capacity for changes (re: Goal #1). I also hope to have information on Goal #2 in communications to come.

I am open for your questions and ideas. Together, we can advance common interests, consider new possibilities, and reach a new destination for our RIG. I welcome your input!

Best regards,
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