

Hello Palliative and EOL Care RIG members!

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Happy July! I hope you had a great 4th of July celebration! Before the weeks fly by, do not miss the opportunity to submit an abstract for our RIG's Call for Abstracts. Here is your **reminder that abstracts are due by 7/20**; information on our proposed Competitive Symposium for the Fall conference is pasted below.

For this month's member highlight, I introduce you to your leadership team! We have been meeting behind the scenes to grow and improve our RIG in the coming months for the 2019 MNRS conference!

Past Chair is Christine Fortney, PhD, RN, from The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.



Dr. Fortney is an Assistant Professor at The Ohio State University College of Nursing. Her research focuses on aspects of palliative and EOL care for infants in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU). She is interested in characterizing the symptom and medical burden of these infants, as well as identifying associations between parents' perception of their infants' symptom experience and their clinical decision-making for their infant, as well as their coping and distress over time.

Chair-elect is Rebecca Lehto, PhD, RN, from Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan.



Dr. Lehto is an Associate Professor at Michigan State University College of Nursing. Dr. Lehto's program of research is focused on mental health adaptation to advanced cancer, and the development and testing of supportive therapies such as mindfulness-based interventions to promote the quality of life and effective symptom management.

Chair is Renee Kumpula, EdD, RN, PHN, from the University of Minnesota School of Nursing in Minneapolis, Minnesota.



Dr. Renee Kumpula is a Clinical Assistant Professor and former director of Continuing Professional Development at the University of Minnesota School of Nursing. Her research interests include end-of-life nursing theory, attitudes toward death and dying patients among students, spiritual care patterns among nurses, developmental theory, adult learning theory and educational design for nursing education and interprofessional teams, and program evaluation.

If you would like to be featured in one of our RIG Monthly Member Highlights, please send a photo with a brief description of your research area of interest to me at rkumpula@umn.edu .

If you have any suggestions at any time, please let me know. We are open to your ideas for how to make our RIG grow in both membership and activity.

Best regards,
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