PALLIATIVE CARE AND END-OF-LIFE RESEARCH INTEREST GROUP'S
CALL FOR COMPETITIVE SYMPOSIUM ABSTRACTS

SYMPOSIUM TITLE: Exploring Complementary/Integrative Modalities and Strategies for Palliative and End-of-Life Care for Patients and Families

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ABSTRACTS ONLINE: JULY 19, 2019 by 11:59 pm EDT

The Palliative and End-of-Life Care RIG is pleased to offer a call for abstracts for a proposed Competitive Symposium titled, "Exploring Complementary/Integrative Modalities and Strategies for Palliative and End-of-Life Care for Patients and Families."

Appropriate topics for this symposium include but are not limited to palliative and end of life (EOL) research related to:

•Improving overall quality of life and symptom management for patients and families using complementary and/or integrative modalities. Appropriate research would include modalities and strategies to enhance quality of life, manage symptoms such as pain, depression, and anxiety, delivery of integrative modalities and treatments, and improved research methods and tools for conducting studies.

•Addressing use of complementary/integrative modalities and strategies in diverse populations and medical conditions, the effect of such treatments on caregivers, spiritual care, developing a palliative care and EOL alternative therapies workforce, patient satisfaction, and integrating alternative approaches into standard care.

Abstracts are to be limited to 350 words and include the following: Purpose/Background, Framework, Methods, Results, and Conclusions.

From June 25, 2019 – July 19, 2019, abstracts can be emailed to RIG Chair Dr. Rebecca Lehto (lehtor@msu.edu).

Abstracts will be blinded and scored by the RIG's Symposium Committee according to its relevance, significance, innovation, and fit with the proposed theme. Our competitive symposium of the top 4-5 abstracts will be submitted to the Program Planning Committee for a blind peer review. The primary author will be notified of their inclusion status for the submitted symposium by **July 30, 2019** and, if included in the submitted symposium, of the final acceptance status of the symposium by **September 6, 2019**.

PLEASE NOTE: Authors of abstracts which are not selected will be notified by July 15th so they may submit to the General Call for Competitive Abstracts, which opens **August 1, 2019**. The deadline to submit Competitive Abstracts is **October 21, 2019 at 5:00 PM Eastern.**

*Information for Abstract submission is available on the MNRS website.