



## Gerontological Nursing Science RIG

### CALL FOR COMPETITIVE SYMPOSIUM ABSTRACTS

**SYMPOSIUM TITLE:** *Caregivers: “There is Nothing Informal about Family Caregiving!”*

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

The Gerontological Nursing Science RIG is pleased to sponsor a call for abstracts for a proposed Competitive Symposium titled, *Caregivers: “There is Nothing Informal about Family Caregiving!”* This symposium will highlight the care and support needs of diverse family caregivers of older adults with cognitive and/ or physical disabilities and introduce novel interventions. **Appropriate topics for this symposium include, but are not limited to, research related to:**

- Informal and formal challenges in caring for persons with dementia and/or chronic disease
- The health effects and risks of caregiving in older adulthood
- Interventions to support caregivers in addressing care recipient health challenges
- Interventions which promote improved caregiver health and wellbeing
- Community-based programs that support caregivers and aging in place
- Transgenerational care and the effects of caregiving on children and grandchildren

From **June 25, 2019 – July 19, 2019**, abstracts can be emailed to Dr. Kim Oosterhouse [koosterhouse2@luc.edu](mailto:koosterhouse2@luc.edu) by the primary author. Abstracts are to be limited to 350 words and include the following: Purpose/Background, Framework, Methods, Results, and Conclusions.

Abstracts will be scored by each RIG’s Symposium Committee according to significance, innovation, and fit with the proposed theme. One (1) Competitive Symposium of the top 3-5 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 approval/acceptance status of the symposium by **September 6, 2019**.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Authors of abstracts which are not selected may submit to the General Call for Competitive Abstracts, which is open **August 1, 2019** through **October 21, 2019**.