



**Acute and Critical Care Across the
Lifespan RIG**

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS AND SPEAKERS
SYMPOSIUM TITLE: *Challenges in*
Acute and Critical Care Research
Uncovered by COVID: Forging a Way
Forward.

DEADLINE TO RESPOND: JULY 20, 2020 by 11:59pm CST

The Acute and Critical Care Across the Lifespan RIG is pleased to sponsor a call for abstracts and speakers for a proposed Competitive Symposium titled: *Challenges in Acute and Critical Care Research Uncovered by COVID: Forging a Way Forward*. This symposium will focus on the impact COVID has had on research and discuss ways to overcome challenges encountered due to COVID. Topics of interest for this symposium include but are not limited to:

- Overcoming research challenges during COVID
- Identify ways research studies are being adjusted during COVID.
 - Conducting research remotely.
- Innovative strategies to conduct research on a unit that is overwhelmed/burnt out due to COVID.
- Identify ethical considerations/concerns during COVID.
 - How do we get consent?
 - What are some useful recommendations from the IRB?
 - Are there times when a phone consent is unacceptable (yes for FDA studies)?
 - How do we ascertain decisional capacity in patients in the ICU?
 - What are some ways that teams have assured that the patient participant understands the details of the study while minimizing foot traffic into rooms?
 - It is not always appropriate to have the bedside nurse to obtain consent if they are not members of the study team.
- Examine racial disparities/concerns related to COVID.

- Implications of systemic racism on research.
- Black Americans make up a disproportionate share of COVID fatalities.
- Improving integration of research and clinical practice during COVID.
- Identify how academia is impacted by COVID (e.g. tenure track timeline).
- Identify how nurses were/are impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Interested speakers are encouraged to send either their abstract or objectives of the proposed presentation and their biosketch to the Chair of the Acute and Critical Care Across the Lifespan RIG kelly.calkins@marquette.edu. We want to encourage everyone who has knowledge, has written a paper or has completed research on the topics of interest to submit an abstract or reach out to a member of the planning committee. Our symposium committee will also invite panelists for the symposium which will include a moderated discussion at the end of the presentations.

The speaker(s) will be notified of their inclusion status for the submitted symposium by August 4, 2019.

PLEASE NOTE: The symposium will be offered during the MNRS 2021 Annual Conference March 24 – 27 in Des Moines, IA. Decision of Competitive symposium will be made by September 8, 2020.