



CALL FOR GUARANTEED SYMPOSIUM ABSTRACTS

SYMPOSIUM TITLE: Exploring Culturally Congruent Care for Palliative and End-of-Life Care
for Patients and Families

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ABSTRACTS via email: July 20, 2020 by 11:59 pm EDT

The Palliative and End-of-Life Care RIG is pleased to offer a call for abstracts for our guaranteed symposium titled, “Exploring Culturally Congruent Care for Palliative and End-of-Life Care for Patients and Families.” Culturally congruent care involves knowledge of how culture influences one’s health beliefs, health practices, and communication patterns at each stage of the nursing process (ANA, 2018). Research connected to cultural congruence addresses racial and ethnic health disparities across all populations and disease conditions. For palliative and end of life care (EOL), cultural congruence is an essential component of quality care. Understanding the cultural contexts of the patients and families who receive and provide palliative and EOL care can improve outcomes. This guaranteed symposium call seeks to elicit research that addresses cultural congruence in palliative and EOL care from various perspectives.

Appropriate topics for this symposium include but are not limited to research related to:

- Integrating cultural congruent care (including the dimensions of equity, equality, diversity, and minority health) into palliative and EOL care for patients and families; developing culturally congruent care in palliative and EOL providers/team members; assessment and implementation of culturally congruent care standards across palliative and EOL care continuums; and patient/family perspectives and needs assessment of culturally congruent palliative and EOL care.
- Adapting palliative and EOL treatments and methods to address the needs of diverse populations across various diseases and health concerns; understanding barriers and facilitators to developing culturally congruent palliative and EOL care from the perspective, competence, awareness, and sensitivity of providers.

Abstracts should be emailed by the primary author to the RIG co-chairs mpotts3@kumc.edu and flanig21@msu.edu. Abstracts are to be limited to 350 words and include the following: Purpose/Background, Framework, Methods, Results, and Conclusions. Submissions will be accepted through July 20, 2020, 11:59 pm EDT.

Abstracts will be stored by the RIG’s symposium Committee according to its relevance, significance, innovation, and fit with the proposed theme. One (1) guaranteed symposium of the top 3-5 abstracts will be submitted to the Program Planning Committee following peer review by the Palliative and EOL Care Abstract Review Committee. The primary author will be notified of their abstract inclusion/exclusion status by the RIG co-chairs for the submitted symposium by July 30, 2020.

PLEASE NOTE: Authors of abstracts that are not selected for the guaranteed symposium may submit to the General Call for Abstracts, which will be open through October 22, 2020.

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