



Symptom Science Research Interest Group

CALL FOR COMPETITIVE SYMPOSIUM ABSTRACTS

SYMPOSIUM TITLE: Strategies for Symptom Science for Diverse Populations during Unprecedented Times

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ABSTRACTS ONLINE: JULY 20, 2020 by 11:59pm EDT

The Symptom Science RIG is soliciting innovative abstracts for a proposed Competitive Symposium titled, “**Strategies for Symptom Science for Diverse Populations during Unprecedented Times.**” Symptom Science research promotes understanding of symptoms and optimizes strategies to prevent or manage symptoms across the lifespan and in diverse populations and settings.

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

- Biological mechanisms that explain individual symptoms (e.g. fatigue, pain) or symptom clusters in acute and chronic illnesses and/or experiences of diverse populations in specific disease processes (e.g. cystic fibrosis, transplant, stroke), including COVID 19
- Interventions for symptom management in diverse population with focus on dosing, delivery mode, long-term effects, and self-management, including the remote management of symptoms in diverse populations and settings and as a result of COVID-19
- Evolving symptom science in diverse populations as a result of health disparities and/or COVID-19
- Psychological outcomes in diverse populations related to symptom experiences of diverse populations
 - Behavioral mechanisms of symptoms, patient-caregiver experience and caregiver burden, as well as effect of social distancing on depression/anxiety symptoms
- Culturally responsive symptom science that addresses health disparities and includes racial justice.

From June 26, 2020 – July 20, 2020, abstracts can be emailed to fortney.19@osu.edu by the primary author. Abstracts are to be limited to 350 words and include the following: Purpose/Background, Framework (if applicable), Methods, Results, Conclusions.

Abstracts will be scored by the RIG’s Symposium Committee according to significance, innovation, and fit with the proposed theme. *Three (3) abstracts will be chosen as a result of this call. The RIG will invite one (1) additional panelist closer to conference to deliver a late-breaking topic for a total of four presentations* that will be submitted as one (1) Competitive Symposium to the Program Planning Committee for a blind peer review. The primary author will be notified of outcomes by email by **August 4, 2020** and, if included in the submitted symposium, of the final acceptance status of the symposium by **September 8, 2020**.

PLEASE NOTE: Authors of abstracts which are not selected may submit to the General Call for Competitive Abstracts, which opens **August 5, 2020**. The deadline to submit Competitive Abstracts to the General Call is **October 22, 2020**.