



## Gerontological Nursing Science RIG

### CALL FOR COMPETITIVE SYMPOSIUM ABSTRACTS

**SYMPOSIUM TITLE: *Behavioral Interventions in Isolation***

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

The Gerontological Nursing Science RIG is pleased to sponsor a call for abstracts for a proposed Competitive Symposium titled, "***Behavioral Interventions in Isolation.***" This symposium will discuss the issue of social isolation and loneliness among older adults and highlight strategies for implementing behavioral interventions to address these issues. The presenters will offer recommendations and strategies to facilitate research that evaluates and seeks to reduce loneliness and isolation using innovative methods to deliver behavioral interventions. Submission of both completed and in process work is welcome. **Appropriate topics for this symposium include, but are not limited to, research related to:**

- Influence of isolation/loneliness on health and wellbeing
- Strategies for assessing needs and intervention targets of older adults living in different types of communities
- Challenges in deploying and maintaining technology needed for web-based/virtual interventions
- Practical considerations for intervention delivery and oversight
- Dissemination of findings to older adults, their families, and community to sustain effective interventions
- Future directions to address isolation in long-term care and other settings

From **June 26, 2020 – July 20, 2020**, abstracts can be emailed to Dr. Mary Whipple ([mary.whipple@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:mary.whipple@cuanschutz.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 **August 4, 2020** and, if included in the submitted symposium, of the final approval/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 is open **August 5, 2020** through **October 22, 2020**.