

**PEDIATRIC RESEARCH INTENSIVE GROUP  
CALL FOR COMPETITIVE SYMPOSIUM**

**SYMPOSIUM TITLE:** Improving Diversity and Inclusion in Pediatric Research  
**Deadline to submit abstracts:** July 20, 2020, 11:59 pm EST

The Pediatric RIG is pleased to offer a call for abstracts for a proposed competitive symposium titled, "Improving Diversity and Inclusion in Pediatric Research." Appropriate symposium topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Research with underserved/vulnerable children and families
- Addressing biases within pediatric research
- Ethical code of conduct when working with pediatric populations

Abstracts should be emailed by the primary author to the RIG Chair, Lisa K. Militello at [Militello.14@osu.edu](mailto:Militello.14@osu.edu) by July 20, 2020. **Abstracts are limited to 350 words** and should follow the format:

- Background
- Purpose
- Framework/Theory
- Methods
- Results
- Conclusion

Abstracts will be scored by the RIG's Symposium Committee based on significance, innovation, and fit with the proposed theme. Following peer review by the Pediatric RIG Review Committee, one of the top 3-5 abstracts will be submitted to the Program Planning Committee for blind peer review. The primary author will be notified of their inclusion status by July 30, 2020. If included in the submitted symposium, final acceptance status of the symposium will be announced by September 8, 2020.

NOTE: Authors of abstracts not selected for symposium may submit to the general call for competitive abstracts, which are due October 22, 2020. The 45<sup>th</sup> MNRS Annual Conference will be held March 24-27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the Iowa Events Center, Des Moines, IA.

**If you have questions, please contact the RIG Chair (Lisa Militello, [Militello.14@osu.edu](mailto:Militello.14@osu.edu)).**

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