



Palliative and End of Life Care and Symptom Science Research Interest Groups

CALL FOR COMBINED COMPETITIVE SYMPOSIUM ABSTRACTS

SYMPOSIUM TITLE: Changing the Trajectory of Illness and Death through Symptom Science and Palliative and End-of-Life Care

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ABSTRACTS via email: JULY 23, 2021 by 11:59pm EDT

The Palliative and End-of-Life Care RIG and the Symptom Science RIG are soliciting abstracts for a proposed combined Competitive Symposium. The intersection of symptom science and the care of individuals with life-threatening or life-limiting illness can alter the trajectory of a life course. Nursing science can offer a unique perspective into the biological and clinical features of symptoms, innovative interventions, and the effects of treatments on a variety of outcomes. This perspective can have an impact throughout the illness trajectory, at the end of life (EOL), and across the lifespan. Diverse populations in multiple settings are affected, from patients receiving acute and chronic care to those receiving home and community-based healthcare and hospice services.

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

- Symptom assessment and management during life-threatening/life-limiting illness and at EOL, such as symptom-specific research (e.g. fatigue, pain); disease- or treatment-specific research (e.g. heart failure, dementia, cancer, transplant); and symptom clusters in acute and chronic illnesses
- Non-pharmacologic management of physiologic and psychologic symptoms during illness, loss, and grief for individuals, families, and caregivers, including biofield/alternative/complementary interventions (e.g. massage, aromatherapy, reiki, distraction, music) and adaptation of such non-pharmacologic management due to COVID 19
- Barriers and facilitators to symptom assessment and management during both acute and chronic illness, as well as at EOL, across multiple settings, diverse populations, and in response to COVID 19.
- Personalized strategies to treat and prevent adverse symptoms of illness across diverse populations and settings and as a result of COVID 19
- Integration of biomarkers with phenotypic indicators and utilization of genomic science in symptom identification and management
- Undergraduate and graduate educational initiatives for teaching symptom assessment and management, as well as palliative and end of life care, including in the time of a pandemic.

From June 26, 2021 – July 23, 2021, abstracts **can be emailed** to Maryellen Potts Past Co-Chair PEOLC (mpotts3@kumc.edu) and Kristen Dickinson, Chair of Symptom Science RIIG (kristin.dickinson@unmc.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 representatives from both RIGs according to significance, innovation, and fit with the proposed theme. One (1) Competitive Symposium of the top 4-5 abstracts will be submitted to the Program Planning Committee for a blind peer review. The primary author will be notified of outcomes by email by **August 6, 2021** and, if included in the submitted symposium, of the final acceptance status of the symposium by **September 8, 2021**.

PLEASE NOTE: Authors of abstracts which are not selected may submit to the General Call for Competitive Abstracts, which is open through **October 22, 2021**.