



## Symptom Science Research & Implementation Interest Group

### CALL FOR COMPETITIVE SYMPOSIUM ABSTRACTS

**SYMPOSIUM TITLE: Symptom Science Research & Implementation in the COVID-19 era**

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

The Symptom Science RIIG is soliciting innovative abstracts for a proposed Competitive Symposium titled, “**Symptom Science Research & Implementation in the COVID-19 era.**” 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 resulting from COVID 19 in diverse populations
- Interventions for symptom management related to COVID-19 in diverse populations and settings with focus on dosing, delivery mode, long-term effects, and self-management, including the remote management of symptoms
- Evolving symptom science in diverse populations as a result of COVID-19
- Psychological outcomes in diverse populations related to symptom experiences from COVID-19
  - Behavioral mechanisms of symptoms, patient-caregiver experience and caregiver burden, as well as effect of social distancing on depression/anxiety symptoms
- New and innovative strategies for conducting symptom science research as a result of COVID-19.

**From June 25, 2021 – July 23, 2021**, abstracts can be emailed to [kristin.dickinson@unmc.edu](mailto: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 the RIIG’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 RIIG will invite one (1) additional panelist closer to the 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 blind peer review. The RIIG chair will notify primary authors of abstracts as to whether they were selected for inclusion in the submitted symposia 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 opens **August 9, 2021**. The deadline to submit Competitive Abstracts to the General Call is **October 22, 2021**.