Symptom Science RIIG Best Paper Award:

Purpose of the Award: The purpose of this award is to recognize an outstanding scholarly paper authored by a member of the Symptom Science RIIG that makes a significant contribution to symptom science and has the potential to advance research, practice, or policy in nursing or related disciplines.

Criteria for the Award:

- The paper must be peer-reviewed and published (online or in print) on or after January 1, 2024.
- The paper must focus on symptom science (e.g., symptom mechanisms,assessment, management, or intervention).
- The paper demonstrates:
    - Scientific rigor and innovation.
    - Potential for advancing nursing science or translation into practice.
    - Clarity and significance of contribution to the field.
- First author must be a member of the Symptom Science RIIG at the time of nomination.

Eligibility Requirements:

- **Membership:**
    - Student members: must be current RIIG members at the time of nomination.
    - Regular and Alumni members: minimum of one year of RIIG membership.
- Nominees may apply or be nominated for only one Symptom Science RIIG award in a given year.
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- Only one paper may be submitted per nominee for this award.
- Co-authors are not eligible for nomination unless they are the first author/last author of the paper.

Submission Requirements:

- A PDF copy of the published paper (or final accepted version if in press).
- A nomination letter (maximum of 2 pages on letterhead) describing how the paper meets the award criteria. The nomination letter may be written by the nominee (self-nomination) or by a colleague/mentor familiar with the nominee's work. The letter must include:
    - Nominee's name, credentials, and contact information.
    - Full citation of the paper.
    - Description of the paper's significance, rigor, and contribution to symptom science.
- Current curriculum vitae (CV) of the nominee.

Notification and Presentation

The Symptom Science RIIG Chair will notify the award recipient via email. The awardee is strongly encouraged to attend the RIIG Annual Business Meeting at the MNRS Conference to receive the award. The awardee will be invited to give a brief presentation of their paper during the RIIG meeting.