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Subject: Call for CoA retreat symposia proposals

Importance: High

Hello! This is an invitation to submit Symposia Proposals for the **Center on Aging's Research Retreat Keynote and Symposia day: Friday, April 3rd, 2015**. Our requested deadline for symposia proposals is **Monday, December 1, 2014**. We encourage all to participate in submissions, and share with others who may be interested. Those chosen for the retreat will be notified by the end of December.

DETAILS:

We are pleased to have **Ken Rockwood, MD, FRCPC, FRCP** as the keynote speaker for the **Center on Aging research retreat on Friday, April 3rd, 2014**. Dr. Rockwood is a Geriatrician, Professor, and Director of Geriatric Medicine Research at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Dr. Rockwood has a longstanding interest in clinical and epidemiological aspects of frailty, delirium, and dementia. Dr. Rockwood's keynote address will be followed by a series of symposia that will highlight "Effective Management of Comorbidities in Older Adults."

Comorbidity is defined as the presence of two or more disease processes. Such conditions include common age-related diseases including, but not limited to, hypertension, diabetes, dementia and cardiovascular disease.

We are inviting Center on Aging members to submit symposia proposals that:

- 1) are in keeping with this theme,
- 2) highlight Utah programs in this area,
- 3) ideally include presenters from multiple disciplines or schools/colleges.

Some examples of topics that we are seeking include: Frailty, Polypharmacy, Medical Home Model, Care Management Across Transitions and Interventions to the effective management of comorbid diseases.

The CoA steering committee will review the submissions and select several for the retreat. Please submit your concept for a symposium that includes: title; its theme and how this pertains to effective management of comorbidities in older adults; and the proposed presenters (including their departmental/college affiliation).

Please reply to Holly Abel, holly.abel@utah.edu by **Monday, December 1, 2014** if you wish to have your symposium considered for the retreat.

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