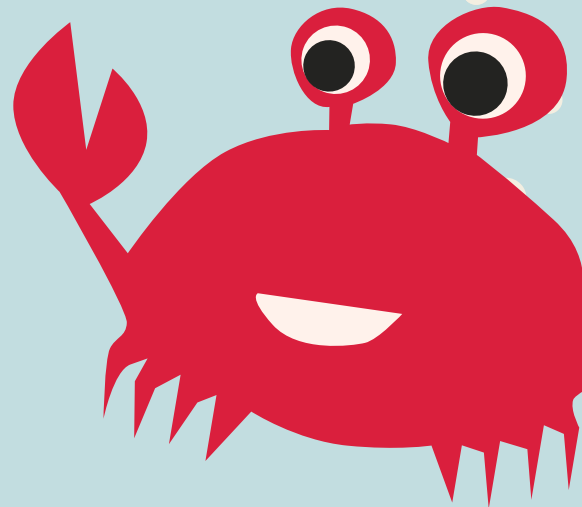


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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Brandy McKelvy, MD, FCCP

Hello Friends,

Welcome to Summer in Texas! Season of heat, humidity, mosquitoes and ideally, cold drinks by the pool. I hope that everyone has an opportunity for some well-earned rest, relaxation and vacation in the upcoming weeks.

Meanwhile, the SCCM Texas Chapter has been busy.

Preparations are already underway for the SCCM Texas Chapter Annual Symposium. Once again leading the efforts are Drs. Kirstin Henley and Diane Dreucean who did an excellent job last year. This year the meeting will be held in San Antonio on Friday, September 29th and Saturday, September 30th at the Oblate School of Theology which has a very nice venue with an adjacent garden. More information can be found on the SCCM Texas Chapter Website. There, you will be able to register for the conference, book a hotel room (at the Estancia del Norte San Antonio Tapestry Collection by Hilton) and enter research abstracts for awards. We encourage everyone who has been working on projects to submit for a chance to present. The theme of the Symposium falls in line with January's National SCCM Congress: Collaboration: Building a Better ICU. We are excited to welcome Dr. Lauren Sorce, PhD, APRN, FCCM who is the incoming National SCCM President, and she will deliver the keynote address. Additionally, we invite all attendees to join for a social hour on Friday night at the Quarry, a nearby area with entertainment, restaurants, and shops.

It truly takes a village to run an Intensive Care Unit. Each discipline plays a vital role in ensuring patients progress through their life-threatening events with the least amount of harm and with the hope for a return to pre-hospital status. This is not a one woman's (or man's) job. One of the unique characteristics of the SCCM is that it welcomes and appreciates all facets of ICU providers. Personally, I interact with physicians, residents, interns, fellows, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, dietitians, pharmacists, speech pathologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, radiology techs, patient care techs, transport personnel, nursing managers and even administrators each and every day. We are hoping this year's Symposium will be educational to all disciplines and give each of us more insight to the roles we play while working in the ICU.

Coinciding with the Symposium, we are planning a clothing drive in conjunction with Dress for Success.

Dress for Success accepts all types of clothing, including scrubs, to help women prepare for interviews and achieve career goals. If you are doing any closet cleaning over the next few months, please try to set aside an item or two. Details of which specific items they accept will be posted soon.

We are looking forward to promoting some of our own for national awards. We have a very robust, diverse and active membership and we should support efforts for national recognition. To that end, SCCM Texas Chapter will be nominating: Dr. Orlando Garner MD, FACP for the Shubin-Weil Master Clinician/Teacher: Excellence in Bedside Teaching Award; Dr. Mary Lou Warren DNP, RN, CNS-CC, CCNS, CCRN, FCCM for the Norma J. Shoemaker Award; and Dr. Matt Wanat PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP, FCCM for the Innovation in Education Award. Please be on the lookout for results and keep your fingers crossed!

That is all for now, have a great summer, stay safe, keep taking care of patients and pray for a slow Hurricane Season.



Kirstin Henley,
MD, MSc



Diane Dreucean,
PharmD, BCCCP



We are excited to host this year's
2023 Texas SCCM symposium
in person on the beautiful campus of the
Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX
on Friday, **September 29th** and Saturday, **September 30th**.

We are also thrilled about this year's theme,
"Collaboration: Building a Better ICU".

We are honored to have **Dr. Lauren Sorce**, PhD, APRN, FCCM, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics in the Critical Care Division at Northwestern Feinberg SOM and the SCCM president elect as our **Keynote speaker** this year.

We will hold sessions on various topics including **multi-disciplinary collaboration** in the ICU, updates on **Nutrition** and the **EFFORT** trial, **antimicrobial** therapies and resistances and much more!

We will also have an array of **poster** presentations, great **vendors**, and our ever-famous **Jeopardy** session!

Thank you to our wonderful chapter leadership including the Texas SCCM chapter president, **Dr. Brandy McKelvy**, and the Texas SCCM symposium leadership and committee who are making this all possible!

If you are interested in **joining** the Texas Chapter SCCM symposium **committee**, please reach out to programs@sccmtexaschapter.org.



Kouame Yao,
MSN, AGACNP-BC

Communications Committee

The Communications Committee is responsible for the dissemination of information between our chapter and its members.

We switched from our Qualtrics platform for survey design and creation to **Survey Monkey** which will allow us to integrate payment (through **Stripe**) and file upload which will be helpful not only Symposium registration/abstract submission, but also for all our research-related awards/grants as well.

We are recruiting for our SCCM Texas Chapter's website master and Dallas/Ft. Worth Communications Coordinator!

We are still posting our membership spotlight -- **#MemberMonday** on Twitter/Facebook/Instagram. We love to see our SCCM-TX Chapter members in the spotlight! Submit the short survey [here](#) to be featured!

Follow us on Instagram/Twitter/Facebook (SCCM Texas Chapter) to stay up to date with current events happening in your area of Texas each month. We love to share what our members are doing across the state of Texas.





Jennifer Gass,
PharmD, MS, BCPS,
BCCCP

RESEARCH COMMITTEE

We are now accepting **abstract submissions** for research snapshots during the Annual **Symposium**. This is a great opportunity for our membership to showcase their work. Submit abstracts for research that is either completed, in-progress or as case reports. Top abstracts will be invited to showcase their work with a **4-minute snapshot platform presentation** at the symposium. Further, the highest quality abstracts will be eligible to win the **Jeffrey J. Bruno Symposium Award**. This award allows for free symposium registration for the first and second place abstract. Additionally, the highest scoring abstract will receive **\$600** toward SCCM or SCCM Texas Chapter activities over the next two years and the second highest scoring abstract will receive **\$400** toward these activities over the next two years.

The **deadline** for abstract submission is **August 4th, 2023**.

For more information please see the [website](#).

We would also like to highly encourage all members to start considering research they would like to perform and plan to submit for the chapter's **Joseph L. Nates Grant** of **\$4000**. This is an annual research grant intended to support clinical research designed to enhance the care and outcomes of critically ill patients.

The application portal opens this **Summer** with a **deadline in the Fall**.

For more information please see the [website](#).

Finally, in an effort to increase the outreach of the research committee in the coming year we are looking for members who are interested in research to **join our team**. We are in particular need of nurses, nurse practitioners, respiratory therapists, dietitians, physical or occupational therapists, physicians assistants and other allied health professionals.

Please review the information on the SCCM-Texas Chapter website Research tab or contact research@sccmtexaschapter.org for more information on joining the research committee.



Kyllie Ryan-Hummel,
PharmD, BCCCP

NOMINATIONS

Thank you everyone who participated in the
2022-2023 **FCCM Mentorship Program**
and **good luck** to those who applied!

We are excited to continue growing our
FCCM mentorship program and are undergoing changes
with the program in the upcoming year. If you are interested in
applying for fellowship to the American College of Critical
Care Medicine (ACCM) in 2024, be on the lookout over the
next few months for more details on how to be a part of the
FCCM pre-review process. Formal enrollment for the
mentorship program will begin in **July** with matches sent out
by September.

If you are a **current FCCM** and would be interested in
providing your expertise as a **mentor** for the program and
have not participated in the past, please reach out to the
committee. We would love to have you on board!

If you have any questions about the
nominations process, FCCM
Mentorship Program, or would like to
get involved with the committee,
please email us at:
nominations@sccmtexaschapter.org.





PROGRAMS

SCCM Texas Chapter programming continues through the summer for all five of our regions. Here are the recent and upcoming events by region including date, topic, sponsor and location. More details to come on programming planned in Austin and West Texas. Join us for networking and education!

Jeanneé Campbell, PA-C

SCCM Texas Chapter Programming			
Dallas-Fort Worth			
May 11 th	Treatment Options for Distributive Shock	La Jolla	Truluck's
June 13 th	Disease and Diagnosis (TMA +aHUS) – Adult ICU Case	Alexion	Eddie V's
July 11 th	Cardiogenic Shock: ECPella and Protected Revascularization	Abiomed	Truluck's
Houston			
April 12 th	Treatment Options for Distributive Shock	La Jolla	Perry's
April 26 th	Reducing Work of Breathing in Early Sepsis Intervention with High Velocity Therapy	Vapotherm	PICOS
June 14 th	Treatment of Difficult-to-Treat Infections due to Susceptible Gram-negative Pathogens	Shionogi	Sorrento
June 28 th	Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension Understanding and Disease Pathophysiology and Diagnosis	Janssen	Sixty Vines
July 12 th	Uplizna: A Next-Era Treatment Option for NMOSD	Horizon	Willie G's Seafood & Steak House
July 26 th	Exciting Development in the Treatment of Hepatorenal Syndrome	Mallinckrodt	Steak 48
San Antonio			
May 23 rd	Clinical Practice: Neuroprognostication in Severe Brain Injury	Supernus	Paesanos 1604
June 28 th	Antibiotic Resistance in Gram-Negative Bacterial Infections	Abbvie	Maggiano's
July 19 th	Cryptogenic Embolic Stroke and Long Term Cardiac Rhythm Monitoring	Medtronic	Brasao Brazilian Steakhouse

We are seeking a **new Program Coordinator** for the **Houston** Region. Contact us at programs@sccmtexaschapter.org if you're interested! The average time commitment is approximately **4-6 hours per month**.

Duties include:

- Organize regularly occurring Houston area chapter meetings
- Provide educational lectures on pertinent critical care topics
- Promote networking opportunities by providing social gatherings
- Inform prospective members of benefits and opportunities of membership

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Celia Morton,
PharmD, BCCCP

MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations to our cookie giveaway winners, Kouame Yao from the Thoracic ICU at Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center, Jennifer Cortes from the MICU at Memorial Hermann, and Kristin Andruska from the CVICU at UTSW Medical Center of Dallas!



Chapter membership is currently at 642 members total as of June! With all of the exciting programming events this upcoming year, now is a great time to ensure your membership is current and to recruit your colleagues to join SCCM and the Texas Chapter!

If you have any questions regarding membership, your renewal date, or if you're not receiving emails from us (and would like to), contact us at membership@sccmtexaschapter.org.





Chelsea N. Lopez,
PharmD, BCCCP

Awards Committee

The mission of the awards committee is to acknowledge SCCM Texas Chapter members for their accomplishments and contributions to the care of critically ill patients throughout the previous year.

2023 Chapter Awards

Available awards along with nomination requirements and deadlines will be announced late August/early September!

If you are looking to become more involved with the SCCM Texas Chapter, consider the **Awards Committee**.

If interested, please reach out at awards@sccmtexaschapter.org.





Annette Lista, PharmD,
BCCCP

Community Engagement

The mission of SCCM TX Chapter's Community Engagement Committee is to promote opportunities to engage members in public health learning activities and support local community agencies.

In 2021, the SCCM TX Chapter applied for a grant from SCCM and the CDC to offer a free **Fundamentals of Critical Care Support (FCCS)** course to over 20 members across the state of Texas, including members in low resource hospitals. With the success of that grant, our Community Engagement Committee now has a goal of offering at least one FCCS course annually. In 2022, we applied and obtained a **\$5000 grant from SCCM** to offer a **free FCCS Crisis Management Course** to members across the state of Texas, which was scheduled for April 15, 2023 in person at University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. The FCCS Crisis Management Course was free for all members. The FCCS: Crisis Management course focused on core principles of **disaster planning** and addressed the employment of sound **crisis management principles** by hospitals and health systems to sustain their ability to provide patient care.

We awarded **20 certifications** for successful completion of the course.

With our focus on community engagement and public health learning activities, we continue to hold our annual **Water Safety** and **BLS** Community Service Event at **Lodge 88** Swim Club in **Houston**, Texas on **July 22-23**, 2023. At this event, we teach children and caregivers about **water safety** as well as basic life support in the setting of **choking** and **cardiac arrest**. Please let us know if you are interested in **volunteering** for this event or any future volunteer events.

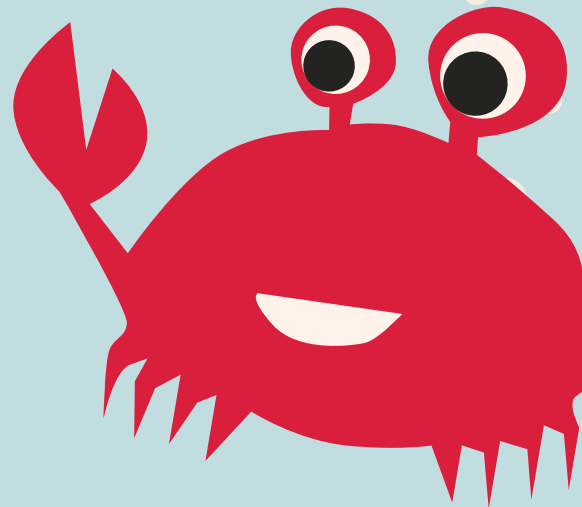
Stay tuned for volunteer opportunities that become available throughout the year.

The Community Engagement Committee remains on the lookout for a **Chair and additional volunteers**. Please email president@sccmtexaschapter.org or communityengagement@sccmtexaschapter.org if you are interested.

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