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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Brandy McKelvy, MD, FCCP

September 23rd marks the first of day Autumn. We are finally seeing days with less than triple-digit high temperatures and some nights in the 70's. (I may have actually seen rain today too!) Kids are back to school, football has returned, and if we are lucky, the Astros are chasing another Pennant. Soon, our minds will be turning to haunted houses, "talking turkey" and mistletoe. But first, we have important topics to discuss...

The SCCM Texas Chapter has remained active during the summer months. We continue to have **over 600 members** in the chapter. We held a successful **water safety event/CPR education** at Lodge 88 Swim Club, and organized a volunteer event with **Project C.U.R.E.** Programming was active with **more than 10 dinners** across the state during the Summer months. These all align with our mission is to provide educational opportunities, professional resources and a chance to network with other critical care professionals in order to improve the quality of critical care.

Importantly, we were focused on the **SCCM Texas Chapter Annual Symposium**, which was held on September 29-30 in San Antonio. The symposium committee and many others diligently prepared the agenda and organized speakers for a great Program. We welcomed the President-elect of national SCCM, **Lauren Socre**, to give the keynote address. We hosted speakers from across the state of Texas at the beautiful Whitley Theological Center. We were happy to offer CME, CNE, CPE and PT/OT continuing education, a fun **"Jeopardy" session** with prizes as well as raffle gifts for visiting with our vendors, and engraved Stanley cups for our membership drive. On Friday September 29, we hope you attended our **Friday Night Social at Paloma Blanca** for drinks & light bites and to network with members and speakers.

We also kicked off our fall charity program. We are collaborating with **Dress For Success** locations in Houston and San Antonio. While at the **Symposium**, we collected woman's professional item of clothing for donation. We will continue the clothing drive at local **Houston programming in October** (tax exemption receipts will be available). And finally, at the **Winter Social**, we will accept clothing and monetary donations on December 7. Be on the lookout for communications regarding further details and how to donate.

The **Alan I Fields Award** and the **Joseph L. Nates Grant Award** will also be opening in the Fall. The Alan I Fields award is presented to two members of the critical care profession for their scholarly work. The Joseph L. Nates Award is for clinic research designed to enhance the care and outcome of critically ill patients. Please keep an eye out for announcements and deadlines.

A little later in the fall, we will open submissions for **Annual Chapter Awards**. The annual chapter awards are an opportunity to nominate your colleagues and highlight their work in Clinical Practice, Education, and Research & Quality Improvement. Toward the end-of-the-year, we will have our **chapter elections**; there will be openings for Leadership on the Board of Directors and the Executive committees.

We are excited to welcome our new website coordinator, Ada Selina. Happy to have her on board! Welcome to the team!

A special thank you to the Symposium Committee and Volunteers for all their hard work.

Comments, Suggestions or questions? Please contact me at president@sccmtexaschapter.org.

Follows us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for all the news and updates using @SCCMTXChapter



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Symposium



We were 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 and Saturday, **September 29-30.**

This year we felt it was important to highlight how we can
collaborate with a variety of healthcare professionals to build a better ICU,
and we have the honor of hosting **Lauren Sorce**, SCCM president-elect, as our keynote
speaker.

We held **sessions on various topics** including collaboration, updates in nutrition, sedation,
and antimicrobials as well as the use of technology and artificial intelligence in the ICU!

We also had an array of research 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 made 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.

Welcome to our newest member of the Communications Committee: **Ada Selina Jutba, PharmD, BCCCP** as our SCCM Texas Chapter's website master. She is a great addition to our Texas chapter. We appreciate your help, Ada!

We are still recruiting for our 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

The research committee is very excited to announce the recipients of this year's Jeffrey J. Bruno Symposium Award:

Healthcare-Associated Infections in Patients with
Hematological Malignancies. A Nationwide Analysis
John Cuenca, MD

Pediatric Palliative and End-of-Life Care Curriculum
Brittany Jaisankar, MSN, PNP-AC/PC

Please join us in congratulating these research contributors!

In addition to these submissions selected as award recipients, there were 12 abstracts selected for presentation during the symposium.

The research committee is also pleased to announce that the application window for the **Joseph L. Nates Grant** of \$4000 is now open. We encourage all members to apply for this annual research grant, which is intended to support clinical research designed to enhance the care and outcomes of critically ill patients. **Applications opened** on September 20th and the application **deadline is December 4th**. Of note, if your project was previously not selected please consider reapplying. Please visit the Society of Critical Care Medicine Texas Chapter home page or <http://www.sccmtexaschapter.org/research-grant/> for more information on eligibility, expectations, and the application process.

Also, stay tuned as applications for the annual **Allen I. Fields award** will open later this Fall.

This awards provides financial support for researchers to present their work, in poster format, at the national SCCM meeting in January.

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, physician 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.





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JOSEPH L. NATES GRANT AWARD PROGRAM

Description: The SCCM Texas Chapter Joseph L. Nates Research Grant is a \$4000 award to fund clinical research designed to enhance the care and outcomes of critically ill patients.

Application Deadline: December 4th, 2023

Eligibility (additional eligibility criteria on website):

- Current member in good standing with the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) and Society of Critical Care Medicine—Texas Chapter
- Completion of professional training or application with a mentor
- Completed IRB proposal prepared for submission prior to dispersal of funds
- Previously submitted studies may meet additional qualifications, see website for details

For more information:

<https://www.sccmtexaschapter.org/research-grant/>



Kyllie Ryan-Hummel,
PharmD, BCCCP

NOMINATIONS

The next election cycle for leadership positions in the SCCM Texas Chapter will begin soon!

Positions open for the 2023 election are:

Executive committee:

- President elect
- Treasurer (2 year term)

Board of Directors (3 year term):

- Physician seat (1 position)
- Nurse seat (1 position)

Officer responsibilities and required qualification information can be found on the SCCM Texas Chapter website under the Chapter Leadership tab. Be on the lookout for information regarding the opening of nominations at the end of September/beginning of October. We look forward to your nominations and continued involvement in the Chapter!

Additionally, the 2023 application cycle for the **FCCM Mentorship Program** is underway. We look forward to rolling out new mentor-mentee information for the upcoming year. Be on the lookout for more information coming soon.

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 has been very active the past few months. Here are the recent and upcoming events by region including date, topic, sponsor and location.

More details to come on programming in Austin and West Texas.
Join us for networking and education!

Jeanneé Campbell, PA-C

SCCM Texas Chapter Programming

DFW			
August 22	Acute Management of Blood Pressure	Chiesi	Capital Grill
September 28	Procedural Sedation with Byfavo: A Focus on Medically Compromised Patients	Acacia	Neighborhood Services
Houston			
August 23	Avycaz: The Review	AbbVie	Brennan's
September 27	Xacduro: Sublactam for injection; Duriobactam for injection; co packaged for intravenous use	Innoviva Pharmaceuticals	Perry's River Oaks
Save the dates for upcoming programming: October 11, October 25, November 8, November 15, and December 13! The Winter Social is planned for Thursday, December 7. More details to come!			
San Antonio			
July 19	Clinical Practice: Cryptogenic Embolic Stroke and Long Term Cardiac Rhythm Monitoring	Medtronic	Brasao Brazilian Steakhouse
September 27	Fall Prevention, Pressure Injury Prevention, Airway Management	Stryker	Chart House

We are also seeking a **new Program Coordinator** for the **Houston** Region.

Please contact us 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 in the Houston area by providing social gatherings for members
- Inform prospective members of benefits and opportunities of membership





Celia Morton,
PharmD, BCCCP

MEMBERSHIP

Our chapter membership numbers are steady at 641 members throughout Texas.

We started our **membership drive**, going on until October 31st.

If you refer a new member (excluding trainees who receive free memberships), you will be entered into our **raffle drawing** for an exclusive, limited-edition **Texas Chapter-engraved Stanley cup**! We have 5 cups to give away. To ensure your entry, email membership@sccmtexaschapter.org to submit your referrals.

Any new members who join from a referral will be entered as well!

You get one entry per new member referred, so spread the word to your colleagues!

Additionally, it's the time of year where new trainees have recently come on board!

As a reminder, trainee members (critical care fellows, critical care residents) receive **free membership** to the Texas Chapter while they are a trainee.

If you are a sponsored fellow through national SCCM, you are eligible to add the Texas Chapter to your membership for free. To do this, log into your account and search for "Texas Chapter" in the store. Add to your cart and check out! Alternatively, call customer service at (847) 827-6888 any time from Monday through Friday, 9A-5P CST.

If you are a program director, please reach out to membership@sccmtexaschapter.org to get your trainees set up with free Texas Chapter membership for the year!



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.

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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 Fall!

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.





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.

Annette Lista, PharmD,
BCCCP

With our focus on community engagement and public health learning activities, we held our annual **Water Safety and BLS Community Service Event** at Lodge 88 Swim Club in Houston on July 22-23, 2023. At this event, we taught children and caregivers about water safety and basic life support including choking and cardiac arrest. We held over 20+ demonstrations over the course of 2 days.

Additionally, our Chapter will volunteer at **Project C.U.R.E.** which is the world's largest distributor of donated medical equipment and supplies to resource-limited communities across the globe, touching the lives of patients, families, and children in more than 135 countries. If you are interested in packaging and sorting donated medical equipment and supplies, we are looking for 10-15 volunteers in the Fall to sign up for this event. Please be on the lookout for the sign up link in the next few weeks.

Lastly, our Chapter has chosen **Dress for Success** as the charity organization partnership this year for our Winter Charity event. The Dress for Success objective is to create change by equipping thousands of women each year with the resources needed to attain long-term employment and success - ultimately building skilled leaders in our community. They provide professional attire and interview preparation to women ready to enter the workforce. Our Chapter will accept clothing and monetary donations at the following locations/events:

- San Antonio - 9/29 and 9/30 at SCCM TX Chapter Annual Symposium
- Houston - 10/11 and 10/25 at SCCM TX Chapter Programming, 12/7 Winter Charity Event
- Texas - scan our QR code (100% of donations will be used to purchase clothing donations)

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



DRESS FOR SUCCESS CLOTHING DRIVE

2023 SCCM TX Chapter Charity Partnership



Clothing Accepted

Interview appropriate suits
Professional separates (shirt, blouse)
Slacks, dresses, blazers, jackets
Work appropriate shoes
Jewelry and scarfs
Portfolios
Handbags
Unisex scrubs

Clothing NOT Accepted

Non-professional attire
Undergarments

How to Donate

San Antonio

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Houston

10/11 and 10/25 @ SCCM TX Chapter Programming
12/7 Winter Charity Event

Texas

Scan our QR code*

*100% of the proceeds will be used to purchase clothing donations for Dress for Success





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