Greetings Texas Chapter Members! It is hard to believe that we are in the final quarter of 2015. I hope each of you have had the opportunity for time with family and friends during your summer vacations.

On behalf of the entire leadership, I am extremely pleased to announce Dr. Joe Nates (Founder and Past President of the Texas Chapter of the Society of Critical Care Medicine) has been named as a recipient of the Society of Critical Care Medicine Distinguished Service Award. This award is in recognition of his tireless dedication to the society and is well deserved.

I am also happy to announce three new Texas SCCM members who have been selected as Fellows of Critical Care Medicine in the American College of Critical Care Medicine. Dr. Ratnani is currently on the TSCCM Executive Council as Treasurer. Dr. Jeff Bruno is our immediate Past President of TSCCM and Dr. Mary Lou Warren is our current TSCCM Secretary. Congratulations to Dr.’s Nates, Ratnani, Bruno and Warren for these awards. The awards ceremony will be at the 45th Annual SCCM Critical Care Congress on February 22, 2016 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida. If you are planning on attending Congress, please join us and celebrate our Texas Chapter Members accomplishments!

Don’t forget to mark your calendars for upcoming events! I would like to encourage everyone to attend the Chapter’s 4th Annual Symposium, Hot Topics in Critical Care, scheduled October 16th and 17th in San Antonio, Texas. We are excited to present our first San Antonio symposium, so come out and support your chapter while earning continuing education credits.

Welcome to El-Paso! The TSCCM chapter has held our first educational meeting in El-Paso. It has been a year-long endeavor and we are looking forward to continued growth in Southwest Texas. If you are a member in this region, please look for e-mails and updates for the next meeting.

As President of the TSCCM I would like to thank you for being members of the Texas Chapter. This chapter continues to grow with your help and efforts. We have come so far in the eight years I have been involved and I look forward to seeing what the future will bring! Help us take the Texas Chapter to the next level by volunteering, by lending your voice, by striving for excellence.

Best regards,
Wendi Jones
2015 President, Texas Chapter of the Society of Critical Care Medicine
Programs Committee Update
Amaris Fuentes, PharmD, BCPS

August was a busy month for chapter meetings! Each city was able to welcome some great speakers. Our Dallas members discussed “Targeted Temperature Management in the Neuro ICU” with Dr. Joao Gomes. Dr. Greg Botz presented on “Simulation-based Education, Training, and Assessment: Emerging Adult Learning Strategies” in Houston and San Antonio Texas chapter members welcomed Dr. Richard Castriotta for his talk on “Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis: Disease Etiology and Diagnosis.” We thank all of our sponsors and presenters for such great opportunities!

We started the fall with the addition of another city to our chapter meetings! The first El Paso meeting was held on September 30th. Dr. Ali Seifi presented on “Management of Blood Pressure in the Acute Care Setting” at Garufa Argentinean Restaurant. The next meeting in El Paso is tentatively scheduled for October 29th. If you or your colleagues are in the El Paso area, please join us for the meeting!

A San Antonio meeting is also currently planned for October 15th, as well as one in Houston for October 21st. Be sure to check out the Texas SCCM website for more information on upcoming meetings. We are very excited to see more of our members enjoy chapter meeting speakers! If you are interested in more information regarding the Program Committee, please email Brian Dee, PharmD, at programs@sccmtexaschapter.org.

Research Committee Update

We welcome S. Robert Todd, MD as our new Chair of the Research Committee. We will have more updates on the Research Committee in the next Critical Care Corner Newsletter.
Awards Committee Update
Mary Lou Warren, DNP, RN, CNS-CC

The Texas Chapter of the Society of Critical Care Medicine believes that members and leaders of the chapter deserve recognition for their contributions to the chapter and to critically ill and injured patients. The Annual Awards program was developed to meet this goal.

The Outstanding Member Awards and the Excellence in Service Awards have been established to recognize chapter members. In general, all nominees must be members of the Society of Critical Care Medicine AND the Texas Chapter. Self-nominees will be accepted. The nominator(s) must attest to each nominee’s achievements in exemplifying the award criteria. Specific examples should be provided.

Nominations for the Annual Awards will open October 1 and must be received by December 1. Please go to the chapter website for more information on the awards categories and the nomination process. We hope that you will take the time to nominate someone who meets the criteria and deserves the recognition for their contributions to the chapter and to critically ill and injured patients.

Communications Committee Update
Brian Burleson, PharmD, BCPS

The communications committee is responsible for the dissemination of information between our chapter and its members, and this is primarily done electronically via our chapter website, email communication and social media with our Facebook account. We value our volunteers that help keep TSCCM communications running smoothly: Matthew Wanat (Website), Don Foronda (Social Media), Lan Bui (Newsletter), Shubhangi Sharma (Dallas Area Coordinator), and Jessica George (Houston Area Coordinator). I want to say a special thank you to Shubhangi for her help as she is stepping down as the Dallas Area Coordinator next month. Look for our emails (texaschapter.sccm@gmail.com) or at the website for meeting announcements or general organizational communications.
Can’t make the meeting?
Don’t forget to cancel your RSVP!

We would like to provide a friendly reminder regarding the RSVP process for chapter meetings. While our “no-show” percentage (i.e. those who submit an RSVP but do not attend the meeting) has historically been 20%, we have seen an increase upwards of 30 to 40% over the past 12 months in all three cities. Please be aware that we collect RSVPs in order to provide our meeting sponsors with an expected turnout. Failure to meet that expected turnout can adversely affect our sponsors’ budget and ability to support future meetings. If you RSVP for a meeting and later realize you will be unable to attend, please cancel the reservation through our website. Doing so allows our members on a waiting list to attend, as well as helps us provide the sponsor with an accurate expected turnout. Thank you!

Texas SCCM Chapter Meeting No Show Percentage - Thru Q3 of 2015

**Houston**
Total RSVPs vs. No shows

- **February**: 32% Total RSVPs, 40% No shows, 18% Cancellations
- **March**: 31% Total RSVPs, 36% No shows

**Dallas**
Total RSVPs vs. No shows

- **February**: 23% Total RSVPs, 28% No shows, 25% Cancellations
- **June**: 30% Total RSVPs, 28% No shows, 25% Cancellations

**San Antonio**
Total RSVPs vs. No shows

- **January**: 32% Total RSVPs, 30% No shows, 24% Cancellations
- **April**: 30% Total RSVPs, 28% No shows, 25% Cancellations
Membership Committee Update
Maggie Ma, PharmD, BCPS

The Texas SCCM membership is steady at nearly 450 members! Members who have expiring memberships should have received a reminder email recently. We encourage you to renew your membership as soon as possible. We thank our members for the continued support and help with the numerous referrals we have received. As a reminder, there is a little time left for members to take advantage of the FLASH MEMBERSHIP DRIVE. If you refer any 5 individuals by October 9th, you will receive a free 2-day registration to our 4th Annual Symposium, held in San Antonio on October 16th – 17th. In addition, you will also receive a free 1-year membership to the Texas SCCM chapter. No worries if you are unable to meet this deadline, though! We will still have our continuous membership drive in which referral of 3 individuals will be awarded with a free 1-year membership (if you are a national SCCM member). If you are not currently a national SCCM member, you will be awarded with a free 1-year membership with the referral of 4 individuals. Membership applications can be completed on our website (www.sccmtexaschapter.org) and dues can also be paid on our website with any major credit card. Texas chapter dues can also be paid through signing up with national SCCM at www.sccm.org. We highly encourage you to join both the national and Texas chapters! For questions about membership or to get involved in the membership committee, please email membership@sccmtexaschapter.org.

Also, we have recently expanded programming to the El Paso region. If you have any colleagues or connections in this area, now is the time to encourage them to join our chapter. Remember to have them list you as a referral in order to receive credit!
Texas Chapter members, we are happy to announce that two Past Presidents of the TSCCM have officially made the 2016 ballot for the SCCM Council. The SCCM Council consists of 18 elected members charged with governing the operations of the organization.

**Dr. Joseph Nates**, Medical Director of the Intensive Care Unit at MD Anderson Cancer Center and founding President of the Texas Chapter (2008 – 2010), is running for an At-Large Seat. Dr. Nates spearheaded the re-establishment of Chapter operations and laid the foundation for our many consecutive years of success. TSCCM would not be what it is today without the efforts of Dr. Nates.

**Ken Hargett**, Director of Respiratory Care services at Houston Methodist and President of the Texas Chapter (2013 – 2014), is running for the Collective Designated Seat. During Ken’s tenure as President, the Texas Chapter witnessed many advances and growth in our Annual Symposium.

Elections for the SCCM Council will open on November 16th and close on December 15th. All SCCM members should expect to receive an email asking for your vote. Please show your support for our past leadership, Dr. Nates and Ken Hargett, as they attempt to make an even bigger impact on a National level. Your votes of support are much appreciated!

Sincerely,

TSCCM Executive Council
"Critical Care Pearls: Basics for Critical Patient Care and Board Review" by Ratnani and Surani is a new addition to various sources available to ICU staff. This book is unique from other works as it provides quick small pearls mostly in case related question format. It would be appreciated by all clinical staff who works everyday with patients at bedside! as most cases are real case scenarios from various subspecialties including Cardiology, Endocrinology, Nephrology and fluid balance, Gastroenterology, Hematology, Infectious diseases, Pulmonary, Procedures, Nutrition, Pharmacology, Toxicology and others. Critical Care Pearls is 700 pages long but fun to read as pearls are short with easily explained rationales. This book is a part of non-profit educational project "Critical Care A Day" which provides everyday pearl related to the Critical Care at [http://www.icuroom.net](http://www.icuroom.net). It is available in hardcover as well as in electronic version.

Dr. Ratnani is part of executive council of SCCM, Texas chapter.

Online version is free for nurses/residents/fellows/students/midlevels.

1. Amazon ($0.99)

2. Smashwords - click on pdf version. (free)
[https://www.smashwords.com/books/view/565074](https://www.smashwords.com/books/view/565074)
Texas SCCM 2015 Symposium

October 16-17, 2015
Trinity University, San Antonio, TX

Society of Critical Care Medicine Texas Chapter

Hot Topics In Critical Care 2015 Symposium

Target Audience: Multidisciplinary

- Physicians
- Nurses
- Advanced Practice Nurses
- Physician Assistants
- Pharmacists
- Respiratory Therapists
- Registered Dieticians
- Physical & Occupational Therapists

This activity is eligible for CE credit. The final activity announcement will contain specific details regarding CEUs for each discipline.

Day One

Registration / Breakfast / Exhibit Hall 7:00-7:45
President Welcome Address 7:45-8:00
Keynote Speaker 8:00-8:30
- Patrick Cullinan, DO

Session One – Infectious Diseases
Ebola 8:30-9:00
Emerging & Re-emerging Diseases 9:00-9:30
ID Updates: New Antibiotics & Culture Tests 9:30-10:00

Break / Snacks / Exhibit Hall 10:10-10:30

Session Two - Resuscitation
Assessing Fluid Resuscitation with Ultrasound 10:30-11:00
Sepsis Management: Where are we at? 11:05-11:30
Hypothermia: Post – Resuscitation 11:30-12:00

Lunch / Exhibit Hall 12:10-1:45
Poster Session with Professor Walk Rounds 12:45-1:45

Session Three - Nursing
Clinical Nurse Role in Quality Initiatives 1:45-2:25
Changing Role of the Nurse 2:25-2:45

Session Four - Nutrition
Immunonutrition & Pre-op Carb Loading 2:55-3:25
Impact of Nutritional Product Shortages 3:25-3:55

Wrap-up / Announcements 4:05-4:15

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### DAY TWO

**Registration / Breakfast / Exhibit Hall**  
7:00-7:45

**Session Five – Healthcare System Transformation**
- Evidence-Based Medicine Adoption  
  7:45-8:15
- Large System Transformation  
  8:15-8:45

**Session Six – Palliative Care in the ICU**
- The IPAL – ICU Project  
  8:55-9:25
- The Care and Communication Bundle  
  9:25-9:55
- Integration of Palliative Care in the ICU  
  9:55-10:25

**Break / Snacks / Exhibit Hall**  
10:35-11:00

**Session Seven - Respiratory**
- Impact of Asynchrony on Patient Outcomes  
  11:00-11:30
- Current Concepts in ARDS Management  
  11:30-12:00
- Difficult Airway Updates 2015  
  12:00-12:30

**Lunch / Exhibit Hall**  
12:40-1:15

**Session Eight – Early Mobilization**
- Mobilizing the Critically Ill  
  1:45-2:15

**Session Nine – Critical Care by Air & Ground**
- EMS to ICU  
  2:20-2:50
- Life Flight  
  2:50-3:20

**Closing Remarks / Announcements**  
3:30-3:45

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**San Antonio River Walk**

**Hotel**
- Hyatt Place San Antonio Airport/Quarry Market  
  7615 Jones Maltsberger Road  
  San Antonio, TX 78216  
  (210) 930-2333

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Discounted rate is valid until 9/16/15

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- The Alamo
- San Antonio River Walk
- SeaWorld’s Howl-O-Scream
- Tower of Americas
- San Antonio Mission’s National Historical Park
- Alamo Quarry Market

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Member: $80 – 1 Day/$120 – 2 Days  
Nonmember: $125 – 1 Day/$165 – 2 Days  
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