



Educational Programs

Houston

- TBD

Dallas/Fort worth

- January 25th

San Antonio

- January 25th
- February 8th

El Paso

- January 30th

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President's Corner

Matthew Wanat, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP

Happy Holidays SCCM Texas Chapter Members!! I hope your fall has gone well and you had a happy and healthy holiday season. The Texas Chapter has been very busy over the past 12 months. In addition to maintaining the momentum the chapter gained over the last few years, we also set a few big goals to accomplish. The first charge was to utilize our budget surplus to improve programming and member benefits. We have a significant amount of money to fund several non-industry sponsored meetings, and are in the process of having social events in each region. These social events will allow members to network and socialize outside of the work setting. We also established a Speakers Bureau, with over 20 speakers, many of whom spoke at local events and our annual symposium. We are also in the process of creating and implementing an ICU research grant via the research committee, and have awarded two scholarships for members to attend congress. Another goal was to improve use of technology; we successfully incorporated online webinars for our executive and board of directors meetings, and used the online webinar portal to have four remote speakers present at our symposium.

Our biggest educational event of the year, our annual symposium, was extremely successful! We took the show on the road to the Hotel Galvez and Spa in Galveston, TX, and it did not disappoint. We had over 20 multidisciplinary speakers present on a wide variety of topics. Be sure to check out our website (Annual Symposium tab) to view selected presentations from the event. We also had some excellent research snapshot presentations that allowed members to highlight their research studies in front of a large audience. **The 6th Annual Symposium was a hit, and we are already planning next year's event in Dallas – October 19th & 20th, 2018 at Texas Presbyterian Hospital.** Please contact our symposium chair Reagan Collins at symposium@sccmtexaschapter.org to get involved with the planning process.

The SCCM Annual Congress will be held in San Antonio in February of 2018. SCCM is already well underway planning an excellent week of meetings. Please be sure to join us for the Texas Chapter Business Meeting and Reception on **Sunday, February 25th from 5-6:30PM at the Grand Hyatt (Bowie B Room).** An assortment of food and snacks will be provided in addition to a drink ticket (or two).

Lastly, as this will be my final update as President of the Texas Chapter, I want to thank members of the leadership team for their commitment. Thank you to the **Board of Directors** for your feedback and commitment to making the chapter a success. I want to thank all of the Committee Chairs including **Anne Rain Brown** (Programs), **Brian Burleson** (Communications), **Jennifer Gass** (Symposium), **Teresa Allison** (Research), **Lisa Beil** (Awards), **Maggie Ma** (Membership), and **Rebecca Attridge** (Nominations) for all of their hard work and dedication to engaging our members and providing benefits across the state of Texas. Last but not least, I want to thank **Mary Lou Warren, Michael Sirimatueros, Sharla Tajchman** and **Darrell Alley** from our Executive Committee for being great colleagues and friends over this past year. Your hard work made my job easy and enjoyable and I cannot express how grateful I am to you all for collaborating with me this past year. We also could not have done it with the over 30 additional volunteers who serve on our committees – thank you!

Happy holidays and we hope to see you out (and involved!) at Texas Chapter functions in 2018.

Signing off,

Sincerely,

Matt Wanat
SCCM Texas Chapter President

Membership Committee Update

Maggie Ma, PharmD, BCPS

The Texas chapter will close out 2017 with over 530 members. Our membership continues to hold strong and steady with the addition of many new members from throughout the state of Texas. Wrapping up the year and our membership drive, the member with the most new referrals was Daniel Arellano. Daniel referred 3 new members to the chapter and will be receiving free membership for 1 year. The membership drive will reset with the new year in 2018. Remember, you will receive a free 1-year membership if you refer 3 new members (4 members if you are not a national SCCM member). Please email the membership chair at membership@sccmtexaschapter.org for any questions or concerns regarding the membership drive or your current membership status.

Nomination Committee Update

Rebecca Attridge, PharmD, MSc, BCPS

Congratulations to the newly elected leadership positions in SCCM Texas Chapter. The following people were elected:

- **President-elect:** Anne Rain Brown, PharmD, BCPS
- **Treasurer:** Sharla Tajchman, PharmD, BCCCP, BCNSP
- **Board of Directors, Physician Seat:** Brandy McKelvy, MD
- **Board of Directors, Nurse Seat:** Lisa Cushman, MS, RN, NE-BC

These new members of the leadership team will begin their terms after SCCM Congress in February. Thank you to all the nominees for their participation and desire to be involved in SCCM Texas Chapter.

Programs Committee Update

Anne Rain Brown, PharmD, BCPS

The chapter wrapped up the last quarter of the year with many noteworthy chapter meetings across the state! We hope all of our members have been able to enjoy these talks on such a wide range of topics!

Region	Month	Past Programming
Dallas	November	Dr. Douglas Hardy: Introducing Vabomere
El Paso	October	Josh Ladd: Rib Fixation in the ICU
	November	Dr. German Hernandez: Atypical Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome
Houston	November	Dr. John Isaac: Treatment of DVT and PE and Stroke Risk Reduction in NVAf
San Antonio	November	Dr. Marin Kollef: The Emergence of Multi-drug Resistant Enterobacteriaceae Dr. Mauer Biscotti: Latest Treatment Innovations in Adult ECMO
	December	Holiday Party

We would like to recognize all the committee members who contributed to a successful year for the Program Committee in 2017. With the help of Amaris Fuentes, Jennifer Roth, Sue Smith, Phyllis McCorstin, Patrick Cullinan, Andro Herrera-Mendoza, Susan McLean, and Jennifer Hartman, the Programs Committee organized 30 chapter meetings in Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, and El Paso, as well as the Member Reception at the 46th SCCM Critical Care Congress in Honolulu Hawaii.

We're excited to host the Annual Congress here in our own home state of Texas. If you're attending the Annual Congress in San Antonio this year, make sure to join us for the Texas Chapter Business Meeting and Cocktail Reception at the Grand Hyatt, Bowie B Room, Sunday, February 25th from 5pm to 6:30pm. We will have beverages and heavy appetizers.

Finally, I would like to announce that Andro Herrera-Mendoza, DBA(c), RRT-NPS, RPFT, our coordinator in San Antonio, will be taking over as Chair of the Program Committee following Congress this year. Andro has been instrumental for several years in organizing educational meetings for our members in San Antonio. I know the programming can only benefit from his passion for education. In addition, Beth Cook, BSN, RN, CCRN and Laura Blackburn, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP will be our new coordinators in the Houston region.

The Program Committee welcomes any members interested in planning future chapter meetings and events! We are currently looking for coordinators in both the Dallas and the San Antonio area. If you are interested in becoming more involved, please contact Anne Rain Brown, PharmD, at programs@sccmtexaschapter.org or check out our Volunteer Job Postings under the Committees tab of the chapter website.

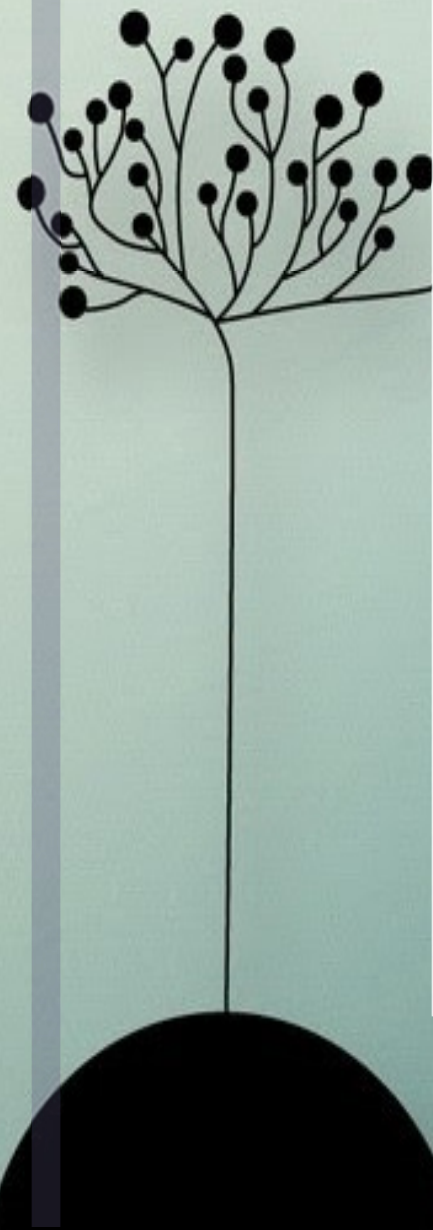
Communications Committee Update

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 (sccmtexaschapter.org), email communication and social media with our Facebook and Twitter accounts ([@SCCMTXChapter](https://www.facebook.com/SCCMTXChapter)). Don't forget to follow us if you have a Twitter account!

There are some new changes to our volunteer team here on the Communications Committee. I would like to thank Molly Curran, PharmD, for her help the last several years with coordinating communications with the San Antonio region of our Chapter. Molly is stepping down as she is moving out of state. In addition, I will also be stepping down in my role as Chair of the Communications Committee at the end of 2017. I have enjoyed serving the Chapter in this role for the last 3 years but it is time to let someone else lead this Committee. I am happy to introduce Lan Bui, PharmD, BCPS, as the new Chair of the Communications Committee. Lan has been significantly involved with this Committee the last several years and has been the one putting together this newsletter every quarter. She will be an excellent leader for this Committee! We also value all our volunteers that help keep TSCCM communications running smoothly: in addition to Lan, Elizabeth Dozier, BSN, RN (Houston Area Coordinator), Dona Cota, DO (Social Media Coordinator - Twitter), Annette Lista, PharmD (Social Media Coordinator - Facebook) and Amaris Fuentes, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP (Website Coordinator).

If you have any questions or comments about the SCCM Texas Chapter Communications Committee please email communications@sccmtexaschapter.org. Look for our emails (texaschapter.sccm@gmail.com), website (www.sccmtexaschapter.org), Facebook or Twitter ([@SCCMTXChapter](https://www.facebook.com/SCCMTXChapter)) for meeting announcements or general organizational communications.



Research Committee Update

Teresa Allison, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP

On behalf of the Research Committee, we wanted to thank all of the authors who submitted abstracts for the Alan I. Fields Award. We have a lot of interesting and exciting research going on around the state! Congratulations to the following awardees!!

Critical care trainee/practitioner with <2 years of experience category

- Abstract # 144: **Ranran "Christina" Xia**, Divina Tuazon, Nandita Kachru, Fariedeh Bostan, Amaris Fuentes, "Evaluation of Neuromuscular Blockade Reversal on Postoperative Outcomes in Cardiovascular Surgery"

Critical care practitioner with > 2 years of experience category

- Abstract #251: **Utpal Bhalala**, Richard Owens, Malarvizhi Thangavelu, Daniel Nento, Muhammad Ali Mumtaz, "Temperature and Perfusion Strategy During Cardiopulmonary Bypass (CPB) in Neonates and Infants"

Thank you again to those who submitted and everyone who contributes to the field of critical care research. If you are not able to join the presenters in San Antonio, please join us at the annual business/awards meeting in March 2018 for the awardees' platform presentations. Remember, it is not too early to start working on the next Alan Fields award submission!! If you would like to share your research for future newsletters please contact us at research@sccmtexaschapter.org. Happy Holidays!!

Awards Committee Update

Lisa Beil, MSN, APRN, AGACNP-BC

Happy Holidays! The Awards Committee would like to thank everyone who submitted nominations for the Texas Chapter Annual Awards. We were excited to receive multiple submissions for the Outstanding Member and Excellence in Service Award categories. Please stay tuned for the chosen nominees to be announced early this year.

We are still in need of additional members for our committee. If you are interested in joining, please contact the Awards Committee chair at: awards@sccmtexaschapter.org

We wish everyone a healthy and happy New Year!



Critical Care Congress

February 25-28, 2018 ▲ San Antonio, Texas, USA ▲ Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center

SCCM Texas Chapter Member's Reception and Business Meeting

Sunday, February 25th, 5pm – 6:30pm

Grand Hyatt, Bowie B Room

San Antonio, Texas

Please join us in San Antonio, Texas at the 47th Critical Care Congress for our annual reception and business meeting! Hors d'oeuvres and drink tickets will be provided to attendees. It is an excellent opportunity to network with other SCCM Texas Chapter members!

Pediatric Fundamental Critical Care Support Course in San Antonio, Texas



A pre-congress course in conjunction with the 47th Critical Care Congress



Who Should Attend?

The PFCCS curriculum is intended to introduce principles important in the initial care of critically ill/injured pediatric patients.

Candidates include physicians, physicians-in-training, nurses, and other health care providers who may or may not be skilled in critical care, but who must care for such patients during early stabilization and in anticipation of the arrival of an intensivist or specialist, or pending transfer to a tertiary center.

We are now accepting registrations for the Pediatric Fundamental Critical Care Support (PFCCS) course to be held **February 22 – 23, 2018 at The Children's Hospital of San Antonio**. This is a pre-congress course in conjunction with the 47th Critical Care Congress in San Antonio.

PFCCS is a structured course developed by the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM). This two-day program includes in-depth and comprehensive balance of didactic lectures and hands-on skill stations to include pre- and post- testing. SCCM offers a course completion card to those who successfully complete the course.

To Register for this course and to get further information [CLICK HERE](https://gmod-connect.aptean.com/f/fid.php?id=05c69b090ed94da2e8ca4ec2fa173d60) or click directly on the link below.

<https://gmod-connect.aptean.com/f/fid.php?id=05c69b090ed94da2e8ca4ec2fa173d60>

For questions or any problems registering, please contact Jann Harrison, RN, MSN via phone or email.

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