

# Critical Care Corner

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Mary Lou Warren, DNP, RN, CNS-CC, FCCM

Greetings and warm welcome to a new year! I am honored to have been elected as the President of SCCM Texas Chapter and enjoyed meeting many current and new members during the Chapter Reception at Congress in February. We had an incredible turnout as we proudly supported having this year's Congress in San Antonio.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the leadership team including the Board of Directors and Committee Chairs as well as all the volunteers who made 2017 a very successful year for the chapter. Texas had its challenges with Hurricane Harvey and many of us were affected. Despite the annual Chapter Symposium being postponed, we had excellent attendance and were able to be creative in providing several of the talks via webcast. The Chapter was also successful in increasing membership benefit opportunities including a new Professional Development Award that provides funding to attend Congress and additional programming and networking opportunities in each of our four major regions: Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, and El Paso.

Our goals this year include increasing access to our regional programming through the use of webinars; improving the process of membership application/renewals through technology; and I would also like to see our chapter participate in one major community event. We had the distinct honor and pleasure to work with SCCM on a public health event held prior to Congress in San Antonio. Our chapter sponsored a booth to educate the public on medication safety, opioid abuse, and the proper methods of disposing medications. I am looking forward to working with both member volunteers and leadership to participate in similar community events throughout the state.

I also wanted to take the time to acknowledge chapter members recently inducted as Fellows into the American College of Critical Care Medicine. The Chapter is proud to acknowledge past President Matt Wanat, Board of Directors member Utpal Bhalala, and past Board of Directors member Chris Perme as new Fellows. Chris is the first physical therapist to be inducted. I also want to congratulate past President Joseph Nates for his induction as a Master of Critical Care Medicine. Kudos to all.

I look forward to serving as President this year and working with our dedicated professional team of volunteers. We welcome comments and feedback on improving membership benefits and serving the critical care community. Feel free to contact me at [president@sccmtexaschapter.org](mailto:president@sccmtexaschapter.org).

Sincerely,



Mary Lou Warren, DNP, RN, CNS-CC, FCCM  
President, Texas SCCM Chapter



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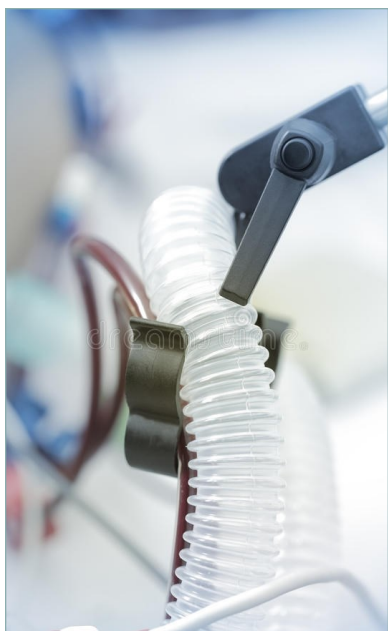


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## SYMPOSIUM COMMITTEE UPDATE

Reagan Collins, PharmD, BCCCP

Mark your calendars for the **7th Annual Symposium for the Society of Critical Care Medicine – Texas Chapter** which will be held on **Friday, October 19th and Saturday, October 20th** at the Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas, Texas.

The Symposium Committee is hard at work preparing for the event and will be announcing the theme and other pertinent information very soon. We are also excited about the Adult and Pediatric Fundamentals in Critical Care Support (FCCS) courses being offered the two days prior to the Symposium in Dallas, more details to come!

If you are interested in joining the Symposium Planning Committee or have any questions, please contact the Symposium Committee Chair, Reagan Collins at ([symposium@sccmtexaschapter.org](mailto:symposium@sccmtexaschapter.org)).

*"I enjoy being a member of SCCM Texas Chapter because of the networking and sharing of great ideas that are improving care throughout our state."*

*Matthew Wanat, PharmD, BCCCP, BCPS, FCCM  
SCCM Texas Chapter member since 2010*

### CHAPTERS ALLIANCE

The Chapters Alliance Excellence Award recognizes one chapter per year for its exceptional work. The Chapters Alliance Executive Committee votes using the following criteria:

- Good standing
- Education
- Team of integrated experts
- Outcome measurement and reporting
- Continuous improvement

**CONGRATULATIONS** to SCCM Texas Chapter **past President Michael Sirimatueros, PharmD, BCNSP, BCCCP, FCCM** for being elected Member-At-Large of the SCCM Chapters Alliance at the 2018 SCCM Critical Care Congress!

## 2018 TEXAS CHAPTER SCCM MEMBERS FCCM & MCCM INDUCTEES



*Photo: PermePhotography/Eduardo Perme*

*Pictured from Left to Right: Joseph L. Nates, MD, MBA-HCA, FCCM, MCCM; Christiane S. Perme, PT, CCS, FCCM; Utpal S. Bhalala, MD, FAAP, FCCM; Matthew A. Wanat, PharmD, BCCCP, BCPS, FCCM*

## COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Lan Bui, PharmD, BCPS

The Communication Committee is responsible for the dissemination of information between our chapter and its members, and this is primarily done electronically via our chapter website ([www.sccmtexaschapter.org](http://www.sccmtexaschapter.org)), email ([communications@sccmtexaschapter.org](mailto:communications@sccmtexaschapter.org)), and social media with our Facebook and Twitter accounts (@SCCMTXChapter). Don't forget to follow us if you have a Twitter account!

There are several new changes to our team here on the Communications Committee this year. First, I am taking over for Brian Burleson, PharmD, BCPS as the Chair of the Communications Committee. Brian made an outstanding contribution to the chapter as the Chair of the Communications Committee for the last 3 years, and it is my greatest honor to continue his excellent work. As I am transitioning to the new position, Annette Lista, PharmD, BCCCP will replace my previous position as the Newsletter Coordinator (Welcome!). In addition, I would like to introduce the two newest Communications Committee members: Anantha Vallipuram, MD (Program Coordinator—El Paso area) and Mahmoud Sabawi, PharmD (Social Media Coordinator—Facebook). Last but not least, I would like to acknowledge our wonderful and hardworking committee members that help keep SCCM Texas Chapter communications running smoothly: Annette Lista, PharmD, BCCCP (Newsletter Coordinator, previously Social Media Coordinator—Facebook), Elizabeth Dozier, BSN, RN (Program Coordinator—Houston area), Amaris Fuentes, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP (Website Coordinator), and Donna Cota, DO (Social Media Coordinator—Facebook).

The committee is currently looking for volunteers to help with 1) **Program Coordinator—Dallas area**, 2) **Program Coordinator—San Antonio area**, and 3) **Social Media Coordinator—Twitter (starting in June 2018)**. If you are interested in any above positions or have any questions or comments about the SCCM Texas Chapter Communications Committee please email [communications@sccmtexaschapter.org](mailto:communications@sccmtexaschapter.org).

Look for our emails ([texaschapter.sccm@gmail.com](mailto:texaschapter.sccm@gmail.com)), website ([www.sccmtexaschapter.org](http://www.sccmtexaschapter.org)), Facebook or Twitter (@SCCMTXChapter) for meeting announcements or general organizational communications.



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Members at the SCCM Texas Cocktail Reception at the 2018 SCCM Critical Care Congress in San Antonio

### FELLOW OF CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE (FCCM)

Fellows of the American College of Critical Care Medicine (FCCM) are practitioners, researchers, administrators and educators who have made outstanding contributions to the collaborative field of critical care.

### MASTER OF CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE (MCCM)

The Master of Critical Care Medicine (MCCM) designation honors members who have distinguished themselves by achieving national and international professional prominence due to personal character, leadership, eminence in clinical practice, outstanding contributions to research and education in critical care medicine, or years of exemplary service to SCCM, ACCM, and the field of critical care medicine in its broadest sense.

## ALAN I. FIELDS AWARD

On November 18, 2009, the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) Texas Chapter honored Alan I. Fields MD, FAAP, FCCM, with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his invaluable contributions to critical care medicine and to the Society.

Dr. Fields has received numerous awards throughout his career, including the Golden Apple Award at the Children's Hospital in Washington, D.C. in 1977 and the Physician Recognition Award from the American Medical Association in 1978. In 1989, he became a Fellow of the American College of Critical Care Medicine. In 1993, he received the Shubin-Weil Award for Excellence from the SCCM, and in 2009, he received the SCCM Distinguished Service Award. Additionally, Dr. Fields was a productive researcher and a dedicated professional servant.

Dr. Alan Fields retired from his lifelong profession and passion of pediatric critical care medicine in 2009. In recognition of his many accomplishments and contributions, the SCCM Texas Chapter has founded two annual awards in his name.

The Alan I. Fields Award is in recognition of Dr. Fields' many accomplishments in the field of critical care medicine. It is presented to members of the critical care profession for their scholarly work.

## RESEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Theresa Allison, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP

Congratulations to the 2017 Alan I. Fields Awardees. Their research was presented at the 2018 SCCM Annual Congress in San Antonio as well as the SCCM Texas Chapter Annual Business/Awards Meeting on March 21, 2018.

### Critical care trainee or practitioner with less than 2 years of experience category:

Abstract #144: Ranran "Christina" Xia, PharmD; Divina Tuazon, MD; Nandita Kachru, PhD, MS, BSPHarm; Fariedeh Bostan, PharmD; Amaris Fuentes, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP

"Evaluation of Neuromuscular Blockade Reversal on Postoperative Outcomes in Cardiovascular Surgery"

### Critical care practitioner with more than 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"

Remember, it is not too early to start working on the next symposium or Alan I. Fields Award submission! They will be here before we know it. If you would like to share your research for future newsletters please contact us at [research@sccmtexaschapter.org](mailto:research@sccmtexaschapter.org).

## AWARDS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Lisa Beil, MSN, APRN, AGACNP-BC, ACNS-BC

Congratulations to the following 2017 Annual Award winners. Thank you for your dedication and service to the Texas Chapter.

### Excellence in Leadership Award

· Anne Rain Brown, PharmD, BCPS

### Outstanding Member Award

- Houston – Reagan Collins, PharmD, BCCCP
- Dallas – Jennifer Roth, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP
- San Antonio – Rebecca Attridge, PharmD, MSc, BCPS

### Excellence in Service Award

- Clinical Practice – Dr. Egbert Pravinkumar, MD, FRCP, EDIC
- Education – Dr. Marian Von Maszewski, MD
- Research/Quality Improvement – Dr. Utpal Bhalala, MD, FAAP, FCCM

It's not too early to start thinking of this year's nominations!

In addition to the Annual Texas Chapter awards listed above, there are several SCCM awards offered at the national level. The following are some of the upcoming national awards offered:

- Norma J. Shoemaker Award for Critical Care Nursing Excellence
- Barry A Shapiro Memorial Award for Excellence in Critical Care Management
- Dr. Joseph and Rae Brown Award
- Drs. Vidyasagar and Nagamani Dharmapuri Award for Excellence in Pediatric Critical Care Medicine

Please visit the following website to see information regarding criteria, submission requirements, and deadline for submission: <http://www.sccm.org/MemberCenter/Awards/Pages/default.aspx>.



Photo: Mary Lou Warren  
Reagan Collins, PharmD, BCCCP award recipient





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Members at the Texas SCCM Cocktail Reception  
at the 2018 SCCM Critical Care Congress in San  
Antonio



*"I enjoy being a member of SCCM Texas Chapter because the chapter provides a vast array of educational resources and networking opportunities for young clinicians."*

*Christina Xia, PharmD  
SCCM Texas Chapter member since 2017*

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE UPDATE

Anne Rain Brown, PharmD, BCPS and Andro Herrera-Mendoza, DBA, RRT-NPS, RPFT, FACHE

We have started off the year with lots of programming! We hope all of our members have been able to enjoy these talks on such a wide range of topics! One of our big initiatives for this year has been incorporating technology into our programming to allow more access to education for all of our members. We were able to webcast several of our Symposium lecturers and are planning on webcasting our Annual Business Meeting across the state. In addition, we are hosting our first Live Simulcast presentation in both San Antonio and Houston later this month with plans for a San Antonio, Dallas, and Houston Live Simulcast this Summer!

Region	Month	Programming
Dallas	January	Dr. Luber: Kcentra and Treatment Options for Warfarin Reversal
	March	Dr. Mora: Angiotensin II: New Treatment for Distributive Shock
El Paso	January	Dr. McLean: The Open Abdomen in the ICU
Houston	February	Dr. Baker: Diagnosis of Paroxysmal Nocturnal Hemoglobinuria
	March	Dr. Johnson: Acute Stroke Intervention (Live Simulcast)
San Antonio	January	Dr. Appachi, Dr. Bhalala, Karen Weaver: Pediatric ECMO and Simulation
	February	Dr. Seifi: Acute Blood Pressure Control
		Dr. Guzzi: Assessing and Preventing AKI
	March	Dr. Johnson: Acute Stroke Intervention
	April	Dr. Melo: Pulmonary Hypertension & Right Heart Failure: Treatment Strategies

We had a record crowd at our cocktail reception at the Annual Congress in San Antonio! It was very nice to put names with faces and network with all of our critical care colleagues throughout the state. We are looking forward to hosting another event come 2019 in San Diego, California.

The Program Committee welcomes members interested in planning future chapter meetings and events! We also welcome ideas or suggestions you may have for programming across the state. If you are interested in becoming actively involved in the Program Committee, please contact Andro Herrera-Mendoza, at [programs@sccmtexaschapter.org](mailto:programs@sccmtexaschapter.org).

## SCCM TEXAS CHAPTER SPEAKERS' BUREAU

The SCCM Texas Chapter Speakers' Bureau was created to identify potential speakers and presentations for use throughout the year in a variety of areas. Proposed educational topics may be selected for use at the annual Texas Chapter symposium, SCCM national congress, local meetings or other educational events. Speaker information will be maintained in a secure database that is only accessed by SCCM Texas Chapter executive council and committee chairs.

Topics submitted should be critical care in nature and be of interest to the members of our organization.

## OUR MISSION

The Texas Chapter's mission is to provide its members with educational opportunities, professional resources and a chance for networking with other critical care professionals from across the region to improve the quality of critical care.

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

Maggie Ma, PharmD, BCPS

Our membership is holding strong and steady at a little over **550 members!** Thank you to all our committed members who promote our chapter and assist with recruitment efforts. We would not be able to succeed as a chapter without your dedication. Remember, the annual membership drive has reset as of **January 1st**. If you would like a free membership, it's as simple as recruiting 3-4 new members (3 if you are a national SCCM member, 4 if you are not).

If you have any questions or concerns about your membership status or renewal date, please contact [membership@sccmtexaschapter.org](mailto:membership@sccmtexaschapter.org).

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## SCCM TEXAS CHAPTER

The Texas SCCM Chapter is a multi-professional organization composed of critical care practitioners whose purpose is to foster collaboration among caregivers at the state level for the enhancement of patient care. Members of the chapter include physicians, nurses, pharmacists, respiratory therapists, physician assistants and other healthcare professionals.

