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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Brandy McKelvy, MD, FCCP

As your new Chapter President, I am looking forward to an exciting year. March 2023 marks three years since the first time we heard the words “SARS-CoV-2” also known now as COVID-19. Here is to hoping we can get back to some sort of normalcy. As we recover, though, we know it is really a matter of “real world and forever viruses”, and we must learn to navigate around the permanency. As we emerge from the cold and the latest wave of COVID and RSV, it is good to get back to more in-person meetings, get-togethers and conferences. Cheers to seeing everyone again soon!

I want to thank the outgoing leadership, the members of the board of directors, Monica Damasceno de Freitas, Mahmoud Sabawi and Deepa Gotur, and especially Annette for all of her hard work and guidance at this time of transition. I want wish a warm welcome to the newest member of the executive committee, Matt McKenzie, who transitioned from Communications Chair to Secretary, and welcome the new members of the Board of Directors: Dr. Joy Chen, Dr. Avni Kapadia, and Maggie Ma, PharmD, who has been a dedicated member of the Chapter and the Chair of Membership committee for the last 10 years. President-Elect Laura Blackburn is already proving to being a better “right hand lady” than I ever was.

We are looking forward to having a great year with increased programming across the State, engagement with National SCCM leadership, enhanced membership activities and community engagement efforts. As always, we will create a robust and educational Texas Chapter Symposium in the fall, with all disciplines in mind for learning and laughter. We are also planning to strengthen our FCCM mentorship program and take opportunity to expand our National Awards Nominations considering we have such depths of expertise and experience in our Chapter. SCCM Congress was well attended and we had a lot of fun while in San Francisco. We had excellent turnout for the reception at Congress. A big thanks to Jeannee Campbell for organizing. This year’s Congress will be January 21-24th in Phoenix, AZ, so mark your calendars!

The Texas Chapter was awarded a grant to deliver the FCCS Crises Management course. It will be held IN-PERSON at MD Anderson on Saturday April 15th. Please see the website for further details, or you can contact Daniel Arellano @danielrx911@yahoo.com. It is free to register but there is a no-show fee of \$50. Registration here: https://singuser08ea3e82.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8fdwdAOmDkAX9C6

We conducted our Annual Chapter Business Meeting across the region on Wednesday March 29th. On-site programming was held in Houston, San Antonio, Dallas/Forth Worth, Austin and Midland. We announced the winners of the Alan I Field Award: Kevin Mercer, PharmD, MPH, BCPS, BCCCP 2022 for his presentation: Pharmacists decrease time to prothrombin complex concentrate regardless of dosing strategy, the outstanding member awards and the professional development awards.

I hope to meet and talk with many of you over the upcoming months. Please approach any and all of us either in person, via email or via the Chapter Website with ideas for membership improvement, questions regarding award applications or nomination information, community activities suggestions or just to say hi and chat. We welcome all thoughts!

Happy Spring!

Brandy McKelvy, MD, FCCP





Kirstin Henley,
MD, MSc



Diane Dreucean,
PharmD, BCCCP

Symposium

If you have a passion for critical care and are looking for a way to get involved in the Texas Chapter SCCM, look no further! The Texas Chapter Symposium committee is searching for more members to get involved in this year's symposium!

This year will mark our 12th annual symposium! After a successful return to an in-person event last year, we are preparing for another outstanding program again this year. We are in the process of finalizing the location, theme, and date so be on the lookout for that soon!

As we begin our preparations and our bi-monthly meetings, we will need **many volunteers** to help out in different areas including:

- Venue coordination
- Topic and speaker identification
- Registration coordination
- Vendor sponsorship
- Housing and activities coordination... And much more!

If you are interested in joining the symposium committee, please reach out to Kirstin Henley (kirstin.henley@bcm.edu) or Diane Dreucean (ddreucean@houstonmethodist.org) for more information. We look forward to hearing from you!



Kouame Yao,
MSN, AGACNP-BC

Communications Committee

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

The Communication Committee has been busy with many announcements and e-mails going out. So, please **check your e-mails regularly**.

The SCCM Texas Chapter has a new Communications Committee Chair, **Kouame Yao, MSN, APRN, AGACNP-BC, CCRN** as Matt McKenzie transitions to Secretary. Kouame is an Acute Care NP in the Division of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery at Baylor College of Medicine.

Matt, I wanted to send a personal thank you for leading the SCCM - TX Chapter Communication Committee over the past two years. Your leadership help ensure our chapter stays connected and up to date with all of the happenings around the state. You are also making the transition goes smoothly. We appreciate all you have done for the committee.

I would also like to welcome our newest members to the Communications Committee: **Kevin Mercer, PharmD, MPH, BCCCP, BCPS** as our Twitter coordinator and **Emily Highsmith, PharmD, BCCCP** as our Instagram & Facebook coordinator. We are **still recruiting for our Dallas/Ft. Worth Communications Coordinator**

Additionally. we are excited to announce that we are resuming our **membership spotlight -- #MemberMonday!** Please fill out our quick survey to answer questions about where you work, how long you've been a member of SCCM/TX, what your favorite ICU drug, device, or procedure is, and more! We can't wait to hear from you.

Finally, if you haven't already, please 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

With the start of a new year the research committee
is excited to share and to congratulate winner
for the Alan I. Fields Award:

Pharmacists Decrease Time to Prothrombin Complex Concentrate Regardless of Dosing Strategy

Kevin Mercer, PharmD, MPH; Huda Razzack, PharmD; Joshua Feinstein,
MD, FACEP; Michael Gonzales, MD, FACEP

Dr. Mercer will receive up to \$1500 in funding for attendance at any SCCM or Texas SCCM related educational activities. He will also be presenting his work at the spring business meeting.

We are also happy to announce the winner of the Joseph L. Nates Research grant:

Checkpoint Inhibitors for Cancer: Effects on Immune Exhaustion and Outcomes during Septic Shock

Cristina Gutierrez, MD

Dr. Gutierrez will receive up to \$4000 to further her research over the next year.

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, dieticians, 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.

NOMINATIONS



Kyllie Ryan-Hummel,
PharmD, BCCCP

Congratulations to the winners
of our election for the
Executive Committee and
Board of Directors!

Position	Elected Member
President-Elect	Laura Blackburn, PharmD
Secretary	Matt McKenzie, PharmD
Board of Directors – Physician	Joy Chen, MD
Board of Directors – At Large	Avni Kapadia, MD
Board of Directors – At Large	Maggie Ma, PharmD

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.

CALL FOR SCCM NATIONAL AWARD NOMINATIONS!

Texas Chapter of SCCM is looking for
nominees to support in nomination to
National Awards from SCCM!

Criteria for the awards can be found on
SCCM's website and nominations are due
April 7th.

Questions? Want to nominate someone?
Email Rebecca McClay at
rebecca.mcclay@gmail.com!





PROGRAMS

SCCM TX Chapter programming continues to increase all five of our regions. Here are the recent and upcoming events by region including date, topic, sponsor, and location. We hope to see you at the next event!

Jeanneé Campbell, PA-C

Houston:

January 11 th	Exploring Two Treatment Options for HABP/VABP	Merck	Eddie V's
January 25 th	Andexxa	AstraZeneca	Steak 48
March 15 th	Nasal High Flow in the Post COVID Environment	FPH Care	FPH Care
March 29 th	SCCM TX Chapter Annual Business Meeting	SCCM TX Chapter	Fleming's

San Antonio:

January 11 th	Motor Fluctuations in PD and Utilization of COMT Inhibitors	Neurocrine	J Prime Steakhouse
January 25 th	Procalcitonin – Beyond the Basics	ThermoFisher Science	Paesanos 1604
February 23 rd	Implantable Fish-Skin Grafting in Reconstructive Surgery	Kerecis	J Prime Steakhouse
March 29 th	SCCM TX Chapter Annual Business Meeting	SCCM TX Chapter	Fleming's

DFW:

January 31 st postponed due to weather	TAVR Valve Selection and Hemodynamics	Medtronic	Capital Grille
February 8 th	Best Practices in Cardiogenic Shock	Abiomed	Eddie V's
March 22 nd	TAVR Valve Selection and Hemodynamics	Medtronic	Capital Grille
March 29 th	SCCM TX Chapter Annual Business Meeting	SCCM TX Chapter	Fleming's

Austin:

January 25 th	SeptiCyte RAPID	Byocartis	Pappasito's
March 29 th	SCCM TX Chapter Annual Business Meeting	SCCM TX Chapter	Fleming's

West Texas:

March 29 th	SCCM TX Chapter Annual Business Meeting	SCCM TX Chapter	Cowboy Prime
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Celia Morton,
PharmD, BCCCP

MEMBERSHIP

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Chapter membership numbers have **increased** over last year - currently at **650 members total** as of March!

We welcomed **13 new members** to the chapter last month.

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.





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.

Chelsea N. Lopez,
PharmD, BCCCP

Congratulations to our 2022 award recipients!

Outstanding Member Awards

(for their active participation in chapter activities, regular meeting attendance and help in recruitment):

Houston – Diane Dreucean, PharmD, BCCCP

Dallas – Sreekanth Cheruku, MD

Austin – Allison Floyd, NP

Excellence in Service Awards

(for their contributions to critically ill patients in one of 3 sub-categories):

Clinical Practice: Jennifer Cortes, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP, FCCM

Education: Kevin Mercer, PharmD, MPH

Research/Quality Improvement: Cristina Gutierrez, MD

2022 Casey Drawert Excellence in Leadership Award

(an outstanding member recognized by the executive committee): Jeannee' Campbell Murray, PA-C

Professional Development Awards

(support registration and travel to SCCM programs to help members address gaps in knowledge and achieve personal learning goals):

Rebecca McClay, DNP, ACNPC-AG, CCRN-CMC-CSC

Deepa Gotur, MD, FCCP, FCCM

Rhea Soltau, PharmD

Chelsea Lopez, PharmD, BCCCP

We are proud of all that our chapter members have accomplished this year and look forward to a successful 2023.

I am excited for the opportunity to serve as Awards Committee Chair this year with the help of Frances Okpaluba as Vice-Chair. If you are looking to become more involved with the SCCM Texas Chapter, I encourage you to consider the awards committee. If interested, please reach out to me at clopez6@houstonmethodist.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 2022, we held a **Water Safety and BLS Community Service Event** at Lodge 88 Swim Club as well as held our **Annual Winter Charity Drive** in which we ask members across the state of Texas to make donations, like pantry items, to the charity that we choose to support. To increase engagement to members throughout the state of Texas, increase the donation amount to charity, and make a bigger impact to the community, 2022 was the first year we offered the opportunity to donate online. One hundred percent of the funds raised through online donation were used to purchase additional pantry items that were donated to **Nora's Home**. Nora's Home serves solid organ transplant and organ failure patients/families who are traveling to receive treatment in the Texas Medical Center. This was the largest donation (\$500+ in pantry items) that the SCCM TX Chapter was able to make to charity thus far.

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 offered a second successful FCCS course with over 20 certifications awarded. In addition to our annual FCCS course, 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 is **scheduled for April 15, 2023 in person** (food will be provided) at **University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center**. The FCCS Crisis Management Course is free for all members until space is full or **by April 7, 2023**. The FCCS: Crisis Management course focuses on core principles of disaster planning and addresses the employment of sound crisis management principles by hospitals and health systems to sustain their ability to provide patient care. Please see the flyer on the next page.



Fundamental Critical Care Support: Crisis Management

Society of
Critical Care Medicine
The Intensive Care Professionals



Society of Critical Care Medicine Texas Chapter Fundamental of Critical Care Support: Crisis Management Course

April 15, 2023

8:00am-5:00pm

Cost: Free!! Includes complimentary textbook

The Society of Critical Care Medicine's (SCCM) Fundamental Critical Care Support: Crisis Management (formerly Fundamental Disaster Management) hosted course combines expert-developed presentations with hands-on skill stations to provide healthcare professionals the knowledge needed to sustain patient care in both natural and intentional disasters. Core principles include disaster preparation, the role of the hospital in disaster response, augmentation of ICU capacity, tertiary triage and palliative care considerations, special patient populations, personal protective equipment, infectious disease outbreaks, chemical and radiologic exposures, mass shootings, blast and burn incidents, and natural disasters.

To receive the certificate of successful completion, course participants must attend all presentations, successfully complete all skill stations, and achieve a score of 70% or higher on the posttest.

Course features:

- Interactive presentations
- Case-based skill stations
- Pre- and post-tests
- Companion textbook
- Certificate of successful course completion

Target audience: Hospitalists, MDs, APRNs, PAs, RNs, PharmDs, RRTs, Fellows, Students, Rapid Response/Medical Emergency Team members, and Pre-hospital providers.

Location: In-person (food provided), University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX 77030

Register using the link below or scan the QR code:

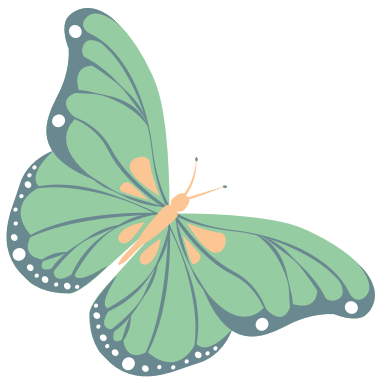
https://singuser08ea3e82.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8fdwdAOmDkAX9C6



Deadline: Registration is open and will close when space is full or on April 7, 2023 at 5:00pm.

Confirmation: All who are accepted for registration will receive email confirmation and directions. **You will receive an email with further instructions 1 week prior to the start of the course. **Failure to attend or cancel within 72 hours of the course will result in a \$50 fee for administrative costs****

This program is sponsored in part by a cooperative agreement between The Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (grant number 1 NU50CK000566-01-00). <https://www.sccm.org/Education-Center/Educational-Programming/Fundamentals/FCCS-Crisis-Management/FCCS-Crisis-Management-Self-Study>



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