

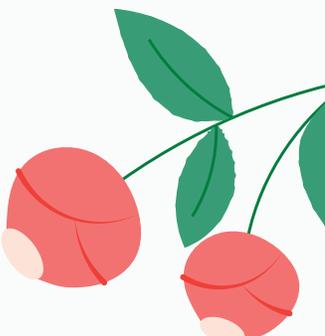
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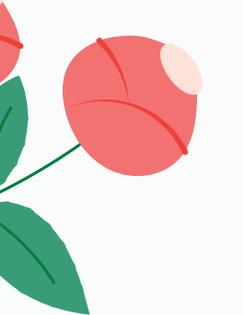
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President's Corner

Hello SCCM Texas Chapter!

Well, we have all made it through a lot of weather this winter. But there are signs it is looking smoother, at least for a while. I am excited to have the opportunity to serve as your 2025 president for the SCCM Texas Chapter. I am looking forward to a wonderful year with a lot going on in the Chapter.



Rebecca McClay, DNP, MS, ACNPC-AG, NPD-BC, CCRN-CMC-CSC

I want to express my tremendous gratitude for the outgoing president **Laura Blackburn**. She has been amazing to work with and I appreciate not only all that she has stepped up and in to including 2024 Symposium Chair, to help promote the chapter, but also the time and effort she has put forth to assist me in moving into the president role. I also want to thank outgoing leadership **Chelsea Lopez, Melissa Sandler, Annette Lista, and Vy Pham**, as well as the outgoing Board of Directors **Ryan Bierle, Olga Rodriguez, Dana Foster, and Nisha Rathi**. After three years together, I will miss you all on our monthly calls! And I look forward to continuing to work with **Melanie Madorsky** who will be completing her second year as Chapter Treasurer as well as taking on the mantle of President Elect for the chapter, and welcoming **Orlando Garner** as the new Chapter secretary. I would like to share a warm welcome with our new Board of Directors member **Beth Teegarden** and to welcome additional transitions with our previous Programs Chair **Jeanne Campbell Murray**, our previous Chapter Secretary **Matt McKenzie**, our previous Community Engagement Chair and 2022 Chapter President **Annette Lista** who are joining our Board of Directors as well.

We are looking forward to some great programming across the State, continued engagement with National SCCM leadership, combined activities with other sections and chapters, and an enjoyable learning and sharing opportunity at our 2025 Symposium in Dallas, Texas. With the dates for SCCM Congress slowly oozing to later in the year, I can report that the 2025 Congress in Orlando, Florida was well attended and we all had a lot of fun catching up with people without the computer camera! Don't forget to save the date for **SCCM Congress 2026** on **March 22-24** in Chicago, Illinois. Our Chapter's Congress reception was well attended and provided a great opportunity for us to recognize our National SCCM Award Winners and FCCM recipients. Congratulations again to **Daniel Arellano** on his **Norma J. Shoemaker Award for Critical Care Nursing Excellence**, and **Chris Perme** on her **Safar Global Partner Award**, and our newest FCCMs **Annette Lista, Jennifer Walker, and Sree Cheruku**. We are so proud of you all!

Our Annual Chapter Business Meeting across the region was held on Tuesday, March 18th. On-site programming was held in Houston, San Antonio, Dallas/Fort Worth, and Midland. We announced the winners of the annual chapter awards, professional development awards, Alan I. Fields awards, and the Joseph L. Nates Grant award. Check out the Awards Committee and Research Committee pages for further details! Our Chapter remains committed to our excellent members and I look forward to more Chapter activities, financial support and recognition opportunities through Chapter and National awards and recruiting new outstanding critical care professionals to our membership and participation in Chapter Committees. Stay in touch through our website **www.sccmtexaschapter.org** and follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and X @sccmtxchapter for more information and updates. And of course, feel free to reach out to me or other members of the Executive and other Committees with questions or suggestions, or even just to chat

Warmly, Rebecca

Symposium Committee



The host city for the 14th
annual symposium is:

Sreekanth Cheruku, MD, MPH

Dallas!



Save the Date: September 19th and 20th

Members interested in helping to organize this
event should reach out to Sreekanth Cheruku at
symposium@scmtexaschapter.org to join
bimonthly meetings



Communications Committee

Ada Jutba, PharmD, BCCCP

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

Follow us for more information and to stay up to date on chapter activities:

Facebook: SCCM Texas Chapter
Instagram: @sccmchapter
Bluesky: @sccmchapter.bsky.social

We're looking for members to be featured on **#MemberMonday**. Please reach out to us at **communications@sccmchapter.org** to be featured!

We are currently recruiting for a Social Media Coordinator! This is a great opportunity to get more involved with the chapter and to highlight our members and activities across multiple social media platforms. Contact **communications@sccmchapter.org** if you are interested.



**Emily Highsmith,
PharmD, BCCCP**

Research Committee

The research committee is excited to share and to congratulate the winners of the **Alan I. Fields Award**. First place was awarded to **Emily Highsmith, PharmD, BCCCP** for her abstract titled "Impact of Lymphopenia in an Oncology ICU: Characterization and Outcomes". **Christina Watkins, OTR, MOT**, received second place for her work "Post-Pandemic Multidisciplinary Revitalization of Early Mobility in an Oncology Intensive Care Unit". Both Emily and Christina were given monetary awards that can be utilized towards travel expenses for SCCM Congress or the Texas Chapter's Annual Symposium and they shared their research with the chapter at our Annual Business Meeting.

Did you publish a paper recently? Was your abstract accepted for presentation at a conference? Was your research team awarded a grant? The research committee wants to hear about it! In an effort to better highlight the great work our Texas Chapter members do, the research committee has developed a short survey where members can submit their recent research publications, accepted abstracts, and grant awards. We will then give you a shoutout in future newsletters and on social media! Fill out the survey [here](#).

Finally, in an effort to increase the outreach of the research committee in the coming year, we are always 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.



**Kyllie Ryan-Hummel,
PharmD, BCCCP**



Nominations Committee

Congratulations to the winners for our most recent election for Executive Committee and Board of Directors! Please welcome our newly elected leadership:

Executive Committee

President-elect: Melanie Madorsky, PharmD, BCPS, BCCP, BCCCP

Secretary: Orlando Garner, MD, FACP, FCCP

Board of Directors

Allied health seats:

Jeannee Campbell Murray, PA-C

Matt McKenzie, PharmD, BCCCP

Nurse seat:

Loyce Mofor, MSN, APRN, AGACNP-BC, CCRN

At large seats:

Annette Lista, PharmD, BCCCP, FCCM

Berth Teegarden, MD, FASA

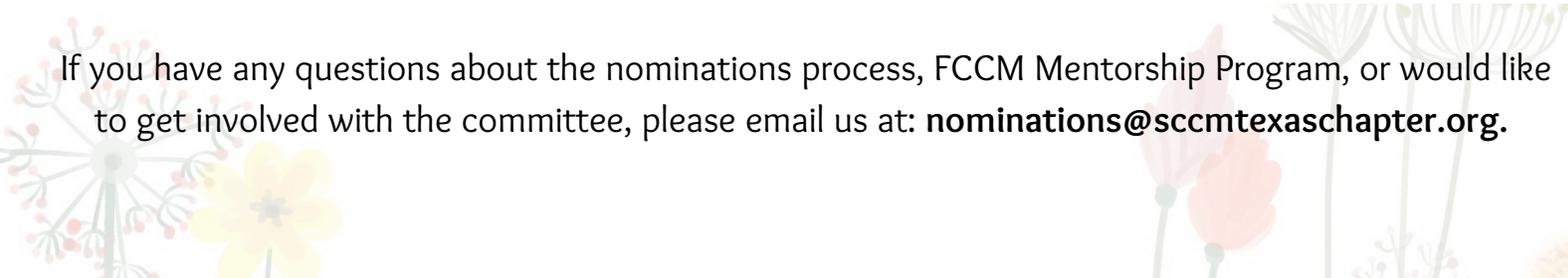
Call for SCCM national award nominations!

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 22nd**.

Questions? Want to nominate someone? Please email nominations at

nominations@sccmtexaschapter.org!

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 Committee

Jeanneé Campbell, PA-C

Houston			
February 26	Combination Therapy for the Treatment of Adults with PAH, WHO FC II-III	Johnson & Johnson	Sixty Vines
March 18	Business Meeting		Fleming's
March 26		Alcresta	
April 9		Fresenius-Kabi	
April 23		AmGen	
May 14		AbbVie	
San Antonio			
February 25	Clinical Overview: cUTI/VABP Patient Journeys and Avycaz	AbbVie	Ruth's Chris Steakhouse
March 18	Business Meeting		Fleming's
March 26	Empiric Decision Making in Complicated Intraabdominal Infections	Innoviva	Bob's Steak & Chop House
DFW			
February 5	HABP/VABP - Avycaz Review of the Clinical Profile	AbbVie	Perry's Steakhouse and Grill
March 6	Introduction to HRS-AKI Pathophysiology, Diagnosis, and Treatment	Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals	Stellini Trattoria
March 18	Business Meeting		Flemings
West TX			
March 18	Business Meeting		Opal's Table

We will miss our long time Programs Chair Jeanneé Campbell who has moved to an Allied Health Board of Directors Position

We are thrilled to welcome Linda Abad as the new Programs Committee Chair



Membership Committee

Ngoc Vu, PharmD, BCCCP

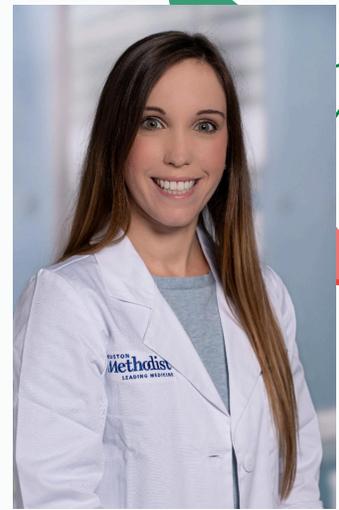
The Texas Chapter is currently holding steady with 613 members. This past quarter, we completed a membership drive in January to give away five **Owala Tumblers**. We are working to engage our members in the next few months, so be on the lookout for our giveaways in the next several months!

Please continue to encourage your friends and colleagues to join SCCM and our Texas Chapter to gain access to all the great programming and networking opportunities.

We would like to thank Vy Pham for leading the Membership Committee this past year and welcome our new chair, Ngoc Vu. Ngoc completed her Doctor of Pharmacy, PGY1 and PGY2 Critical Care residency in Ann Arbor, Michigan at the University of Michigan (Michigan Medicine). She currently works at MD Anderson Cancer Center in the Acute Cancer Care Center.

If you would like to get more involved in volunteering for the membership committee or have questions about membership or renewals, please reach out at membership@sccmtexaschapter.org.

**Chelsea N. Lopez,
PharmD, BCCCP**



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.

Chapter Awards

Congratulations to our 2024-2025 Chapter Award Recipients! We are proud to recognize the following individuals for their contributions over the past year.

Excellence in Service

Education: Ryan P. Bierle DMSc, PA, LP, FAWM

Clinical Practice: Monica Damasceno, PT, DPT, CCS

Research & QI: Sreekanth Cheruku, MD, MPH

Outstanding Members

Houston: Ada Selina Jutba, PharmD, BCCCP

San Antonio: Phillip Gonzalez, MOT, OTR/L, BCPR

Casey M. Drawert, MD Excellence in Leadership: Kirstin Henley, MD, MSc

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

awards@sccmtexaschapter.org.



**Anne Rain Brown,
PharmD, BCCCP,
FCCM**



Community Engagement Committee

To finish out the year, the SCCM Texas Chapter was able to raise almost \$300 for our 2024 Winter Charity Partnership with Health Care Without Harm. Health Care Without Harm is an International organization dedicated to providing resources, knowledge and inspiration for the health care sector to help reduce its environmental impact. Thank you for joining the SCCM Texas Chapter in donating to support our mission to transform the health care sector and reduce our environmental impact.

To kick off the new year, The Community Engagement Committee held a BLS Community service event on February 1st, led by SCCM Texas Chapter member **Daniel Arellano** and Board of Director **Dr. Nisha Rathi**. At this event, attendees from Lamar High School learned basic life support. Sixteen students participated in the BLS Heartsaver CPR Course. This expands on our greater mission to make CPR education accessible to all and empower individuals and communities with life-saving skills. We are dedicated to teaching, ensuring our community members can provide high-quality CPR and equip them with the knowledge and confidence to respond effectively in critical situations.

Please stay on the lookout for future volunteer opportunities. We would also love to hear from you if you have any ideas or opportunities for community engagement. Please contact me at communityengagement@sccmtexaschapter.org for any ideas or suggestions.





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