



Society of Critical Care Medicine - Texas Chapter

# Critical Care Corner

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## Educational Programs

### Houston

- April 5 & 19
- May 3 & 17

### Dallas/Fort worth

- TBD

### San Antonio

- April 18

### El Paso

- TBD

For more details, go to  
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## President's Corner

Matthew Wanat, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP

Hello SCCM Texas Chapter members!

The Texas Chapter had an extremely successful and productive year in 2016, and we are all looking forward to making 2017 just as awesome. In February, we transitioned our Executive Committee and several Board of Directors positions over to our new leadership. I would like to sincerely thank our leadership members who recently finished their terms, and take the chance to introduce myself to those members whom I haven't met yet.

I am a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Houston College of Pharmacy, and a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in the Cardiac ICU at the Michael E. DeBakey VA in Houston. I came to Texas from the Northeast in 2010, and completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Practice and PGY2 Critical Care Residency at Houston Methodist Hospital in the Texas Medical Center. I have been involved in SCCM and the Texas Chapter since 2010, serving as chair of the Communications Committee, and on the Board of Directors. I hope that my involvement over the last several years will put me in a good position to successfully lead our chapter in 2017.

The Texas Chapter is the largest SCCM state/regional chapter in the country, and our members are what makes our chapter so successful. **The mission of our chapter is to provide members with educational opportunities, professional resources and networking with other critical care professionals from across the region in order to improve the quality of critical care.** We provide numerous education and continuing education opportunities through local programming, annual symposiums, as well as at the national Congress meeting. The Texas Chapter has a large variety of committees to become involved with including the Awards, Communications, Membership, Nominations, Programs, Research, and Symposium Committees. I highly encourage you to take advantage of your membership and get involved! Be sure to lookout for our volunteer jobs postings, which will provide additional information on volunteer duties and time commitments. The Texas Chapter has some of the best members within SCCM who tirelessly devote their time and energy to making our chapter functional and run seamlessly. I want to thank all of them for their devotion to our organization.

**Our goals for 2017 are to increase educational opportunities, re-invest in new membership benefits, and to utilize technology to further the success of our chapter.** We will do this by increasing non-industry sponsored regional meetings, funding member socials in each region and looking at novel ways to deliver educational programming. Due to our chapter's financial stability over the last several years, we are in a position to re-invest in chapter members via research awards, congress scholarships, trainee scholarships and research grants. Money has already been budgeted for these ideas, and our committees are in the process of creating criteria for awarding this money. We are also in the process of incorporating web conferencing solutions to video conference regional meetings to members who cannot be there in person. We have lofty goals for 2017, and are excited about many of our new initiatives. We have great leaders in place, but could always use motivated and creative individuals to get involved. Please email me ([president@sccmtexaschapter.org](mailto:president@sccmtexaschapter.org)) or any other member of our leadership team for more information. I hope to see you all soon at a SCCM Texas Chapter event!

Sincerely,

Matt Wanat

President, SCCM Texas Chapter

## Programs Committee Update

Anne Rain Tanner, PharmD, BCPS

A new year brings new programming! We started off January with a great lecture from Dr. Albarado in both San Antonio and Dallas on the use of a multimodal analgesia approach to treat acute pain. One of our coordinators in San Antonio and board member, Dr. Cullinan, reported that it was one of the best lectures he had seen in a while so we will be looking at extending that lecture to our other regions!

In Houston, we had a very timely talk on the treatment of influenza by Dr. LoVecchio from Arizona. The Annual Business Meeting was hosted in Houston where chapter members met to review updates from the Critical Care Congress, held in Honolulu this year, and the presentation of several awards. Our past president, Michael Sirimatuross discussed the chapter's accomplishments over the past year and presented the annual awards. Please take time to review the presentation posted online and congratulate all of our members!

Matt Wanat, our new president discussed what we will be looking forward to in the next year. As far as programming, **we are always looking to expand on the diversity of programming we provide to our members.** If you have any ideas of what you would like to see, please let us know!

**Be sure to check out our website and your email inbox to reserve your spot at an upcoming chapter meeting!** Due to our largely growing numbers in all of our regions, we will be working on expanding the number of programming events we are planning. We will be updating information on the website and sending out emails as details are confirmed and look forward to seeing you all of our meetings!

**Just as a friendly reminder, please ensure that you RSVP for meetings and cancel your reservation if you are unable to attend.** This ensures that our sponsors have a good estimate of the expected turnout and continue to provide support for our chapter. As always, the Program Committee welcomes any members interested in planning future chapter meetings and events! If you are interested in becoming more involved in the Program Committee, please contact Anne Rain Tanner, PharmD, BCPS at [programs@sccmtexaschapter.org](mailto:programs@sccmtexaschapter.org).

## Membership Committee Update

Maggie Ma, PharmD, BCPS

**Our membership is holding strong and steady at a little over 530 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 an 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).



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

Our monthly meetings tend to fill up very quickly, especially in the Houston area where we sometimes receive 50 or more RSVPs in only a few hours after the meeting is announced! We are trying out a new way to RSVP for our meetings in the Houston area that will hopefully give everyone a fair chance at being able to reserve a seat for the meeting by giving a "heads up" via email about 24 hours before the reservation system is active. This way most everyone will be aware when the reservation invitation is coming and can plan accordingly to be ready to sign up.

**We value our volunteers that help keep SCCM Texas Chapter communications running smoothly:** Brandon Sterling, MS, APRN, AGACNP-BC, CCRN (Website Coordinator), Don Foronda, RN (Facebook Coordinator), Lan Bui, PharmD, BCPS (Newsletter Coordinator), Elizabeth Dozier, BSN, RN (Houston Area Coordinator), Leanne Current, PharmD, BCPS (Dallas/Fort Worth Area Coordinator) and Molly Curran, PharmD (San Antonio Area Coordinator). The Area Coordinators are responsible for all communications and reservation tracking for the monthly Chapter meetings. If you have interest in volunteering your time to the Communications Committee please send us an email to [communications@sccmtexaschapter.org](mailto:communications@sccmtexaschapter.org). We are currently looking for an Area Coordinator in El Paso.

If you 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.





## Awards Committee Update

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

Congratulations to the following 2016 Annual Award winners. Thank you for your dedication and service to the Texas Chapter.

### Excellence in Leadership Award

- Brian Burleson, PharmD, BCPS

### Outstanding Member Award

- Houston – Lan Bui, PharmD, BCPS
- Dallas – Jennifer Roth, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP
- San Antonio – Utpal Bhalala, M.D., FAAP

### Excellence in Service Award

- Clinical Practice – Wendi Jones, MSN, RN, ACNP-BC
- Education - Daniel Arellano, MSN, RN, CCRN, ACNP-BC
- Research/Quality Improvement – Petra Grami, MSN, RN, CCRN, NE-BC, CVRN

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

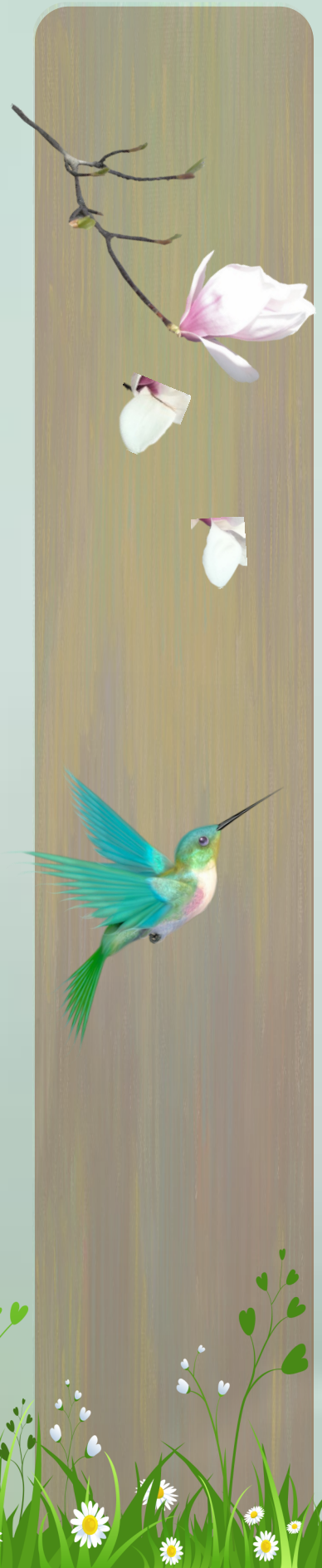
In addition to the Annual Texas Chapter awards listed above, there are several SCCM awards offered at the national level. The following are some of the upcoming national awards offered:

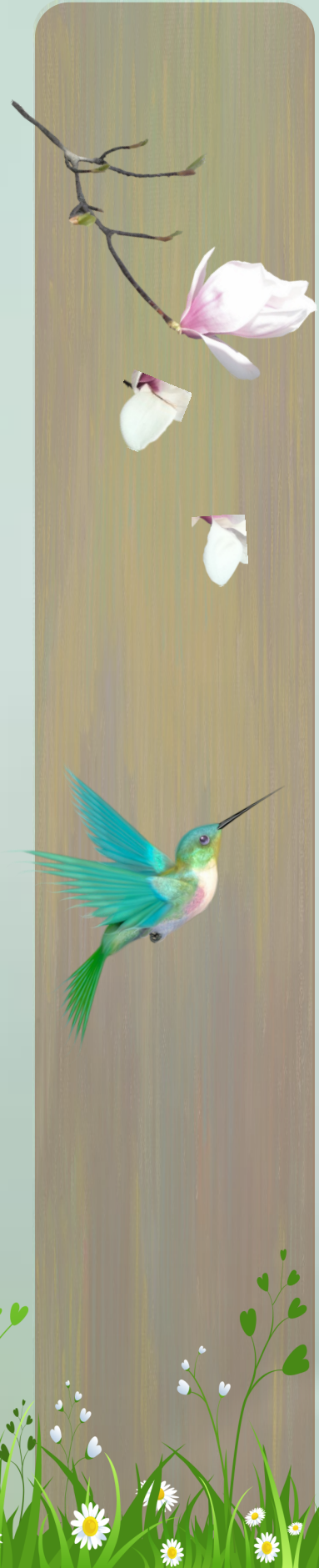
- Norma J. Shoemaker Award for Critical Care Nursing Excellence
- Barry A Shapiro Memorial Award for Excellence in Critical Care Management
- Dr. Joseph and Rae Brown Award
- Drs. Vidyasagar and Nagamani Dharmapuri Award for Excellence in Pediatric Critical Care Medicine

Please visit the following website to see information regarding criteria, submission requirements, and deadline for submission: <http://www.sccm.org/Member-Center/Awards/Pages/default.aspx>. We would love to see a Chapter member be honored with one of these!

### **Welcome to our newest Committee members:**

- Tiffany Mundie, MSN, APRN, ACNP-BC, CCRN
- Jennifer Cortes, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP





## Research Committee Update

Teresa Allison, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP

The Research Committee would like to thank Joshua Swan, PharmD, MPH, BCPS for leading and re-invigorating the committee last year. We hope to continue the great work he started. **One of our goals this year is to start connecting researchers across the state as well as highlight what we are doing in our ICUs across Texas.** If you would like to share your research for future newsletters please contact us at [research@sccmtexaschapter.org](mailto:research@sccmtexaschapter.org).

### Research highlight

Joshua Swan, PharmD, MPH, BCPS (Houston Methodist Hospital), Kalpalatha Guntupalli, MD (Baylor College of Medicine), and Allison Snyder, MSN, APRN, ACNS-BC, CCRN (Texas Health Harris Fort Worth) are the Texas site investigators for the MENDS2 (Maximizing the Efficacy of Sedation and Reducing Neurological Dysfunction and Mortality in Septic Patients with Acute Respiratory Failure) trial. This double-blind, randomized controlled trial will compare dexmedetomidine versus propofol for the primary endpoint of delirium-free, coma-free days within 14 days of randomization. Other secondary endpoints include ventilator-free days, 90-day survival, long-term cognitive impairment, and pro-inflammatory cytokines following sepsis. The study is expected to be completed by December 2018. When you see them, ask them about this exciting research. We are excited to see the results!

We had a record 13-posters presented at last year's chapter symposium. We can beat that number this year! The next symposium will be at the Hotel Galvez in Galveston Texas, September 8th and 9th. **The abstract submission due date for this year is July 10th.** Keep an eye out for more information on abstract submission.

## Symposium Committee Update

Jennifer Gass, PharmD, MS, BCPS, BCCCP

**Mark your calendars, the 6th Annual Symposium for the Society of Critical Care Medicine – Texas Chapter will be held on Friday, September 8th and Saturday, September 9th at the Hotel Galvez in Galveston, Texas.** This year the theme will be "Controversies in Critical Care" and we expect it to be an exciting event packed with outstanding speakers. We will be targeting CE credits for physicians, nurses, pharmacists, respiratory therapists, physical therapists and registered dietitians. Over the next couple of months we will be developing a finalized program with a complete list of speakers and topics. The deadline for poster abstract submission will be July 10th, 2017. More information will be coming soon.

If you have questions or are interested in joining the symposium committee, please contact the Symposium Committee Chair, Jennifer Gass, PharmD, MS, BCPS, BCCCP ([symposium@sccmtexaschapter.org](mailto:symposium@sccmtexaschapter.org)).



# 1<sup>st</sup> Oncological Critical Care Research Network International Conference

(ONCCC-R-NET)

## Point of Care Ultrasound Workshop

May 10, 2017

Featuring 10 stations on "Head to Toe" Ultrasound guided vascular access, TTE, Minimally/Non-Invasive hemodynamic monitoring and many more.

### FEATURING



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May 10-11, 2017

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**Steven E. Ovu, MD, Co-Chair**

Register at:

[www.mdanderson.org/conferences](http://www.mdanderson.org/conferences)

## Call For Abstracts

Abstracts may be submitted for the Poster Session, and must be received no later than

**Friday, April 7, 2017. Submit to**

[oncccmabstracts@mdanderson.org](mailto:oncccmabstracts@mdanderson.org)

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# 2nd Annual Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine Symposium

**April 29, 2017**



Baylor University Medical Center  
Roberts Hospital, 17th Floor Conference Center  
3500 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, TX 75246

## Registration Fees

*After April 22, 2017*

Physicians.....	\$125	.....\$150
Other health care professionals...	\$75	.....\$100
Medical Students .....	\$15	.....\$25

*Refunds: Cancellations received 30 days prior to the activity date – less \$25*

## Registration Instructions

After clicking on the link at [www.CMEBaylor.org](http://www.CMEBaylor.org) to register, you will be prompted to register for the program.

## Payment Method

Payment can be made when you register online, if mailing with a check, please make check payable to:  
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