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Houston

- January 20, 2016

Dallas/Fort worth

- January 2016

San Antonio

- January 28, 2016

El Paso

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President's Corner

Wendi Jones, MSN, ACNP-BC

Happy New Years from the Texas Chapter of SCCM! The chapter had a very successful 2015. Over 20 program meetings were held in the Houston, San Antonio, and Dallas areas including expansion into the El Paso region in late October. We are currently working to increase membership in all regions so if you have any friends who are not members, please invite them to check out and sign up on our new and improved SCCM Texas Chapter website (www.sccmtexaschapter.org) to find out about upcoming program meetings and activities across the state. The updated website is easier to navigate, highlights important upcoming events, and allows for easier browsing from smart phones and tablets. If you have any comments or suggestions about the updated website, please let us know! We also successfully hosted our 4th annual symposium October 16-17th at Trinity University in San Antonio which attracted over 100 participants, speakers, vendors and volunteers. The symposium covered a wide range of "Hot Topics in Critical Care" from a fantastic interdisciplinary speakers panel from across the state of Texas.

We want to congratulate our newest Executive Committee and Board of Directors (BOD) members: **Matthew Wanat** (President-Elect), **Sharla Tajchman** (Treasurer), **Phyllis McCorstin** (BOD Nurse Representative), **Brian Dee** and **Vi Nguyen** (BOD Allied Health Representatives), and **Susan McLean** (BOD At-Large Representative). We look forward to working with you more closely to serve our chapter's needs over the next 2-3 years!

We are also looking forward in 2016 to the Critical Care Congress in Orlando, FL from February 20-24th. Please make sure to attend our Texas Chapter Member Reception and Chapter Meeting on Sunday, February 21, 2016 from 7-9 PM at the Hyatt Regency Orlando, Gulf Room. We are excited to support a few of our Texas Chapter members who will be honored with induction as Fellows of Critical Care Medicine (FCCM) and other distinguished awards during Congress. If you have a poster accepted for Congress, make sure to apply on our website for the Alan I. Fields Award (deadline January 22, 2016). Awardees receive up to a \$1000 travel stipend to Congress as well as present their work at the end of the business year meeting in Houston in March. We hope to see you at the March meeting to celebrate all of our Alan I. Fields Award recipients as well as the recipients of our other chapter awards.

Thank you to all of our chapter leaders and members for making 2015 such a success. We look forward to seeing and engaging more of you in 2016!

Mary Lou Warren

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Michael Sirimatueros

President-Elect | president-elect@sccmtexaschapter.org

Membership Committee Update

Maggie Ma, PharmD, BCPS

We need your help! Would you be interested in participating on the Membership Committee? We have various tasks and duties to complete on a monthly basis and the minimum commitment for involvement would be 1 year. Tasks and duties include helping with recruitment of new members, maintaining the membership database, and sending out renewal reminder emails to expiring members amongst many other things. If you are interested and willing to help, please email the membership committee chair at membership@sccmtexaschapter.org.

Also, start your membership referrals in order to receive credit towards a free membership. Remember, referral of 3 individuals will be awarded with a free 1-year membership (if you are a national SCCM member). If you are not currently a national SCCM member, you will be awarded with a free 1-year membership with the referral of 4 individuals. As always, if you have any questions on your membership status or how many referrals you currently have, please email 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, email communication and social media with our Facebook account. You may have noticed we have a new website for the Society of Critical Care Medicine Texas Chapter (sccmtexaschapter.org) – check it out if you have not had a chance to yet. Hopefully you will like the new professional layout and ease of finding the information you need. A big thank you to Wendi Jones and Matt Wanat for their efforts in selecting a great web designer and making sure the information transferred properly from the old site to the new one.

We value our volunteers that help keep TSCCM communications running smoothly: Matthew Wanat (Website), Don Foronda (Social Media), Lan Bui (Newsletter), and Jessica George (Houston Area Coordinator). If you are in San Antonio, Dallas or El Paso and are interested in volunteering to help out with the Communications Committee as an Area Coordinator please email communications@sccmtexaschapter.org and let us know. Look for our emails (texaschapter.sccm@gmail.com) or at the website for meeting announcements or general organizational communications.

Research Committee Update

We are actively recruiting a Research Committee Chair. If you are interested in learning more about the Research Committee and duties of being the Chair, please contact Michael Sirimatueros, PharmD (president-elect@sccmtexaschapter.org).



Awards Committee Update

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

Do you know chapter members that are deserving of recognition for their contributions to either the chapter or to critically ill and injured patients? The SCCM Texas Chapter 2015 Awards Nominations are currently open through Monday, January 4, 2016. Information on the awards criteria as well as the nomination process can be found on our website at:

www.sccmtexaschapter.org/sccm-texas-chapter-2015-awards-nominations-are-open/

The Executive Council is encouraging all members to consider recognizing and nominating a peer for their contributions. For questions or concerns, please contact Mary Lou Warren, Awards Committee Chair, at

awards@sccmtexaschapter.org.

Program Committee Update

Amaris Fuentes, PharmD, BCPS

We wrapped up the last quarter of the year with many noteworthy chapter meetings across the state! To name a few, our El Paso members welcomed Dr. Dan Schuller in October to discuss "Rivaroxaban for Reducing the Risk of Stroke and Systemic Embolism in Patients with Nonvalvular Atrial Fibrillation and for Treatment of DVT and PE." In November, Dr. Chad Stasik and Dr. Georges Haidar presented on "Acute Aortic Aneurysms" for our San Antonio members, and in Dallas, Brandi Crow, BSN, RN and Jon Brubaker, MBA, RCVT presented a talk on "Secrets of the Purchasing Process Every Clinician Needs to Know: A Case Study with Bedside Ultrasound." Lastly, in Houston, Dr. David Chiu discussed "Treating VTE and Reducing the Risk of Stroke in Nonvalvular Atrial Fibrillation" for our December meeting.

Be sure to check out our website and reserve your spot at an upcoming chapter meeting! Meetings are tentatively planned for January in all our Texas Chapter cities. Information will be updated as it becomes available. We look forward to seeing you there!

We would like to recognize all the committee members who contributed to a successful year for the Program Committee in 2015. With the help of Amaris Fuentes, Anne Rain Tanner, Pei Jen Lin, Lyndsay Sheperd, Jennifer Roth, Sue Smith, Patrick Cullinan, Carlos Andres Estrada Velez, Andro Herrera-Mendoza, and Susan McLean, the Program Committee organized 21 chapter meetings in Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, and El Paso, as well as the Member Reception at the 44th SCCM Critical Care Congress in Phoenix. A special thanks to Lyndsay Sheperd as she completes her service as Program Committee Coordinator in Dallas for the past three years!

If one of your resolutions in 2016 includes becoming more involved in professional organizations, contact committee chair Brian Dee, PharmD, at programs@sccmtexaschapter.org for more information on becoming an active member of the Program Committee!





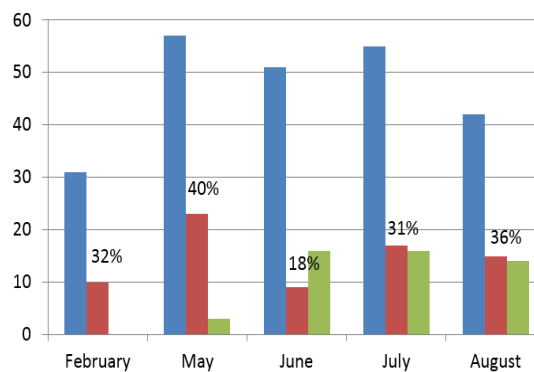
Can't make the meeting? Don't forget to cancel your RSVP!

We would like to provide a friendly reminder regarding the RSVP process for chapter meetings. While our "no-show" percentage (those who submit an RSVP but do not attend the meeting) has historically been 20%, we have seen an increase upwards of 30 to 40% in all four cities that currently conduct chapter meetings. Please be aware that we collect RSVPs in order to provide our meeting sponsors with an expected turnout. Failure to meet that expected turnout can adversely affect our sponsors' budget and ability to support future meetings. If you RSVP for a meeting and later realize you will be unable to attend, please cancel the reservation through the sponsor. Doing so allows our members on a waiting list to attend, as well as helps us provide the sponsor with an accurate expected turnout. Thank you!

Texas SCCM Chapter Meeting No Show Percentage January to November of 2015

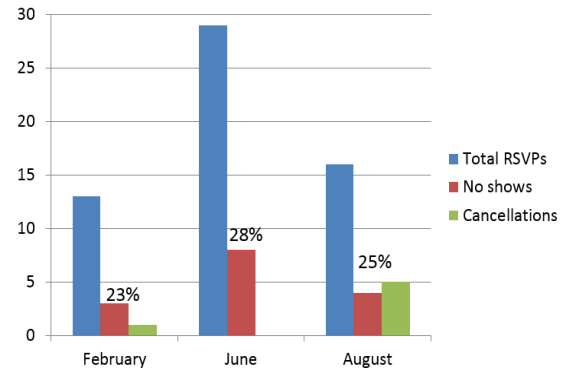
Houston

Total RSVPs vs. No shows



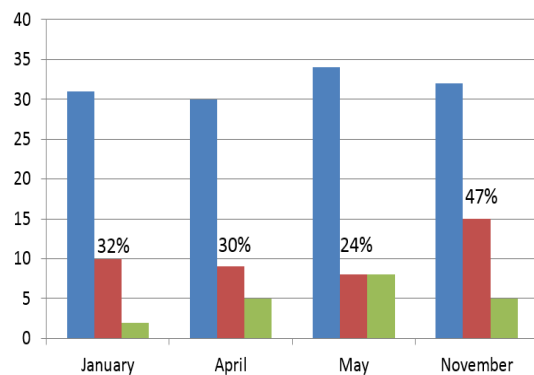
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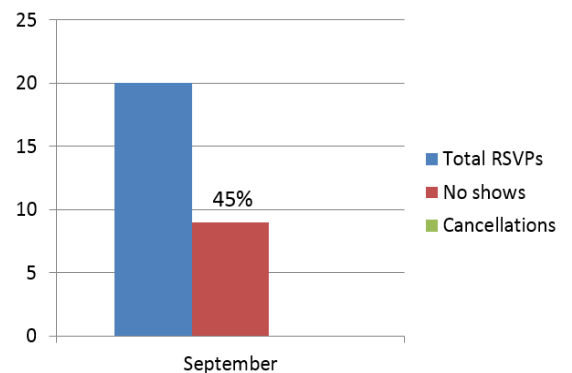
San Antonio

Total RSVPs vs. No shows



El Paso

Total RSVPs vs. No shows



SCCM 45th Critical Care Congress

February 20-24, 2016 | Orange County Convention Center
Orlando, Florida, USA

Please join us for the SCCM Texas Chapter Member Reception/
Business Meeting at Annual Congress on Sunday, February 21,
2016, from 7-9 PM at the Hyatt Regency Orlando (Headquarters Ho-
tel) in the Gulf Room. Light hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be served.

CONGRATULATIONS!

New Board Certifications in Critical Care Pharmacy

The Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS) began offering a board certification for pharmacists specializing in Critical Care in the Fall of 2015. Please join the SCCM Texas Chapter in congratulating the following chapter members on their new board certification! (BCCCP – Board Certified Critical Care Pharmacist)

- Ganiat Ola Adejuwon
- Laura Blackburn
- Reagan D Collins
- Jennifer Cortes
- Brian M Dee
- April Finnigan
- Jennifer Ann Gass
- Emily K Gordon
- Lauren N Hernandez
- Chiamaka Chinqeizu Ike
- Sara D. Schepcoff
- Sharla K Tajchman
- Terri M Tieman
- Matthew A Wanat
- Ran Xu
- Su-Fei Yang

Have an idea for the newsletter? Are you doing something unique in your ICU or want to share the results of your research? Email newsletter@sccmtexaschapter.org to have your work included in the next newsletter. We want to hear from you! :)

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