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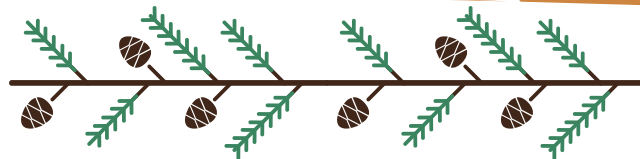
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# President's Corner

Seems hard to believe that this is my final column for the year. The chapter, with the work and engagement of numerous volunteers, has once again had a successful year. We have attempted to build on last year's commitment in reaching out to our members across the state to increase programming. The Program Committee successfully implemented several simulcast programs as well as coordinated outreach programs in the Corpus Christi and Austin areas. The Executive Committee and Board of Directors are committed to continuing these programs next year. The Nominations Committee developed and initiated a formal FCCM mentorship program for our members. Because of this program, we are hopeful to see more of our members inducted as fellows. Our Membership and Communications Committee evaluated and implemented a new communication system to improve the format and reliability of our email communications to members. Our Research Committee developed a new research grant proposal that will go live in 2019. Because of their work, members will be supported in completing their research. And our Symposium Committee planned and carried out an awesome symposium in Dallas this year which received excellent evaluations from our attendees.

We are currently in the process of filling open positions on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee. These positions are crucial in maintaining the work and strength of our chapter. Please be sure to vote when the ballot is presented. I also want to encourage you all to take advantage of the membership benefits that the chapter offers. Take time to read the emails that are sent out and to check out our website as well as Facebook and Twitter (Instagram account is coming next!).



Our hope as leaders is to have multiple members applying for the Professional Development awards to cover travel expenses to Congress. We awarded 3 members this year with very few applicants.

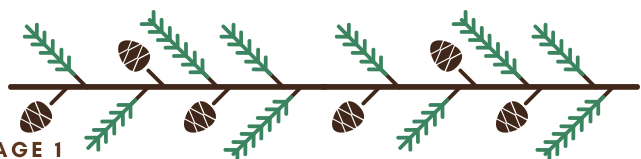
We are also in the process of recognizing our members through the Awards program. Again, this is the time to acknowledge your peers (or yourself) for the work that you do for the chapter and in improving the care and outcomes for critically ill patients. Our goal is to have multiple nominations throughout the state for each award.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate the chapter on being the recipient of the 2018 Chapters Alliance Excellence Award. The award is presented in recognition of the innovated approach in promoting development and growth to the chapter. The award will be presented during Congress in San Diego. Please plan on joining us at the American College of Critical Care Medicine Convocation/Society of Critical Care Medicine Awards Presentation on Monday, February 18, 2019, from 6:00 p.m., to 7:00 p.m., in the Sapphire Ballroom B, C and D of the Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel.

We hope to see you in San Diego for the awards ceremony as well as at the Chapter Reception scheduled for Sunday, February 17, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. to 7 p.m. Look for the room location within the Congress APP.

Thanks for a great year and warm wishes for a Happy Holiday Season!

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





# **2019 SCCM CONGRESS**

Lan Bui, PharmD, BCPS

On behalf of the SCCM Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacology (CPP) Programming Committee, we would like to invite institutions and candidates to the 2019 CPP Recruitment Exchange for the SCCM Congress held in San Diego, CA. The Recruitment Exchange is a platform to connect institutions with available jobs to potential candidates. There is no charge associated with this exchange, and all are welcome who have available positions or are seeking a position.

Any institution interested in participating: please e-mail [SCCMCPPEXchange@gmail.com](mailto:SCCMCPPEXchange@gmail.com) by February 8, 2019 with the job description(s) for the position(s) that you would like to be advertised. This information will be displayed at the recruitment exchange. Any candidates interested in participating: please come to the event and sign up at the door. No pre-registration is required. We hope to see you there!

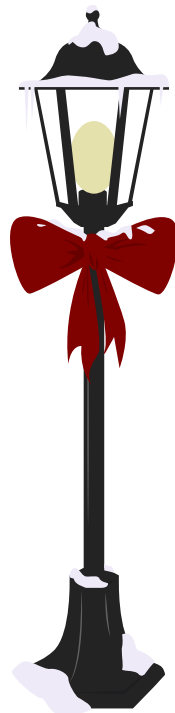




## ***SYMPOSIUM COMMITTEE UPDATE***

Reagan Collins, PharmD, BCCCP

The SCCM Texas Chapter held it's 7th Annual Symposium, Less is More in Critical Care, on October 19th and 20th, 2018 at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas, TX. The Texas Chapter proudly hosted 22 speakers from all over Texas. Programming was attended by over 100 clinicians, volunteers, vendor partners, and speakers who earned continuing education credit for their participation. Highlights of the conference included a motivating keynote given by SCCM National Secretary, Dr. Greg Martin, on the theme "Less is More in Critical Care." The symposium also held 11 research snapshot presentations.



Lastly, the SCCM Texas Chapter went "green" this year and provided an App for download of all the Symposium activities! We want to thank all of our Symposium Committee members, Committee chairs, and volunteers who made it a huge success. Stay tuned for information on Symposium 2019!

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

# COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Annette Lista, PharmD, BCCCP



The Communications Committee would like to send a big thank you to our members for your patience during our transition to our new email service provider to send out our email announcements. Although, this should help resolve some issues we've had recently with our email communications, our emails may end up in your Spam or Junk mail from our new server. To reduce the likelihood of this happening, we have several suggestions:

- Periodically check your Spam or Junk folder
- Add us to your Contacts list ([texaschapter.sccm@gmail.com](mailto:texaschapter.sccm@gmail.com))
- If you still notice problems despite following the first two steps, consider changing your email on file to your personal email instead of your work email by contacting our Membership Committee at [membership@sccmtexaschapter.org](mailto:membership@sccmtexaschapter.org)
- We recommend that you proactively check our website, Facebook, or Twitter for meeting invites and other announcements

The Communication Committee is responsible for the dissemination of information between our chapter and its members. With that being said, we are continuing to expand our Committee by looking for an Instagram Coordinator. We are looking forward to starting an Instagram account to help us connect and engage with our members, photo share our monthly educational events, and reach out to new critical care members across the state of Texas. The Instagram Coordinator will be responsible for maintaining the SCCM Texas Chapter Instagram account and post important announcements and events, which include regional education events and the Annual Symposium. Please email [communications@sccmtexaschapter.org](mailto:communications@sccmtexaschapter.org) if you are interested or have any additional questions regarding the position!

Please continue to look for our emails ([texaschapter.sccm@gmail.com](mailto:texaschapter.sccm@gmail.com)), website ([www.sccmtexaschapter.org](http://www.sccmtexaschapter.org)), Facebook and Twitter (@SCCMTXChapter) for meeting announcements or general organizational communications and don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Twitter!





# Research Committee Update

Teresa A. Allison, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP

The Research Committee is very excited to begin offering a research grant of \$2000 each year to members for the purpose of clinical research, which is designed to enhance the care and outcomes of critically ill patients. Applications this upcoming year are due May 1, 2019 and the recipient will be notified by July 15, 2019.

## Eligibility

Preference will be given to individuals who at the time of submission meet the following criteria:

1. Current member, and in good standing, of the Society of Critical Care Medicine.
2. Current member, and in good standing, of the Society of Critical Care Medicine Texas Chapter.
3. Completion of professional training (those in residency or fellowship training may apply with a mentor).
4. Completed IRB proposal prepared for submission at current institution, prior to disbursement of funds.

## Expectations

1. Research will be completed during the 1-year funding period.

2. Awardees are expected to formally present and pursue publication of the outcomes of their work. Society of Critical Care Medicine Congress and Texas Chapter annual business meeting are expected venues for presentations. Awardees should provide Critical Care Medicine with the first right to publish the results of the research.

- a. The awardee will be compensated for travel and one hotel night if required to travel for the presentation.

3. Awardees are required to maintain membership in Society of Critical Care Medicine and Society of Critical Care Medicine - Texas Chapter for the duration of the grant.

- a. Discontinuation of membership in either is subject to return of the grant, in full.

4. All investigators accepting the grant will agree to comply with reporting requests and applicable regulations for the protection of human subjects in research.

5. Awardees are expected to acknowledge and disclose the funding in all the presentations and publications supported by the grant. "This study/research was funded by SCCM Texas Chapter Research Grant".

For more information please review the information on the SCCM-Texas Chapter website Research tab or contact [research@sccmtexaschapter.org](mailto:research@sccmtexaschapter.org)



# Nominations Committee Update

Rebecca Attridge, PharmD, MSc, BCPS

Nominations for the 2019 business year Society of Critical Care Medicine Texas Chapter Leadership position are now closed, but stay tuned for election ballots soon!

The Nominations Committee instituted a mentorship program this fall to assist members interesting in applying to become a **Fellow of the American Academy of Critical Care Medicine (FCCM)**. The goal of the program is to connect candidates to current members who are fellows so they can assist candidates with the lengthy application process. The program currently has 15 candidates matched to 8 mentors.

Email the Nominations Committee (comprised of members Dr. Bridgett Sterling, Dr. Dana Foster, Olga Rodriguez, and Dr. Rebecca L. Attridge) with questions ([nominations@sccmtexaschapter.org](mailto:nominations@sccmtexaschapter.org)).



# PROGRAMS COMMITTEE UPDATE

ANDRO HERRERA-MENDOZA, DBA, RRT-NPS, RPFT, FACHE

Fall has been a productive time for the Programing Committee with a broad base of critical care topics presented in our member regions. If you have not had an opportunity to actively participate in a local program, I encourage all members to utilize their member-benefit by attending and gaining insight into new modalities and treatment interventions being practiced in critical care medicine today. As Winter approaches, look for expanded access to critical care programming utilizing web-based technology and continued regional programming. One example of improved access incorporating web-based technology was evidenced by the Multi-City program, Urgent reversal of Factor Xa inhibitors; Andexxa (Andexanet alfa) that was attended by approximately 100 participants and included the following cities; Austin, Dallas, El Paso, Houston, and San Antonio. Going into 2019, look for continued regionalized programming and a variety of Adult and Pediatric Critical Care topics relevant to our membership.

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@scmtexaschapter.org](mailto:programs@scmtexaschapter.org).

Region	Month	Programming
Austin	November	Urgent reversal of Factor Xa inhibitors; Andexxa® (Andexanet alfa)
Dallas	November	Avycaz® (ceftazidime and avibactam)
	December	Urgent reversal of Factor Xa inhibitors; Andexxa® (Andexanet alfa) Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis: Managing your Patient's Journey from Diagnosis to Treatment
El Paso	November	Urgent reversal of Factor Xa inhibitors; Andexxa® (Andexanet alfa)
Houston	November	Urgent reversal of Factor Xa inhibitors; Andexxa® (Andexanet alfa)
San Antonio	November	Urgent reversal of Factor Xa inhibitors; Andexxa® (Andexanet alfa)
	December	Large Vessel Occlusion; Triage and Therapies





# Membership Committee Update

MAGGIE MA, PHARMD, BCPS



2018 has brought our chapter approximately **100 additional new members**. We are currently at our all-time high of over 630 members throughout the state of Texas. As the year comes to a close, don't forget about your referrals! If you've referred anyone to the Texas chapter this year, make sure you put in that last bit of effort to make sure you receive enough referrals to earn a free membership (3 referrals if you're a current national SCCM member, and 4 referrals if you are not). If you have any questions regarding your membership status, or the number of referrals you currently have for the year, please email [membershipsccmtexaschapter.org](mailto:membershipsccmtexaschapter.org). Referrals will refresh on January 1, 2019!

In addition to the 100 new members, we also welcomed a new email service provider this year. Please let us know if you have not been receiving emails, or if you have any feedback on the current email system. Watch for an official survey about the email system in your inbox after the new year.

OVER  
**630**  
MEMBERS!



**CHAPTER ALLIANCE  
EXCELLENCE  
AWARD WINNER**

*Chapter of the Year*  
2014 & 2018



# AWARDS COMMITTEE UPDATE

LISA BEIL, MSN, APRN, AGACNP-BC, ACNS-BC

We are extending the deadline for the SCCM Texas Chapter Annual Awards to **Friday, January 4th!** If you haven't already, start thinking of who you would like to nominate for one of the following award categories:

## *Excellence in Service Award*

This recognition will be awarded to chapter members for their contributions to critically ill and injured patients. One award will be distributed in each of the following three areas:

- Education
- Clinical Practice
- Research/Quality Improvement activities

Nominations must provide specific details and examples supporting the nominee's recent involvement related to the award category selected. An individual can only be nominated for one category.

## *Outstanding Member Award*

This recognition will be awarded to one member from each of the Houston, San Antonio, Dallas, El Paso and "Other Texas" areas for their contributions to the chapter. Individuals on the Board of Directors or Executive Committee as well as Committee Chairs and Co-chairs are not eligible. Nominees for the Outstanding Member Award must demonstrate the following:

- Active participation in chapter activities (committees, symposium planning, etc)
- Active attendance at chapter meetings
- Active attempts of recruiting new members

This is a wonderful opportunity to recognize our colleagues and ourselves for the dedicated efforts and accomplishments put forth toward improving patient care and making this a successful Chapter! Complete application online [HERE](#) by Friday, January 4, 2019.

# SCCM TEXAS CHAPTER

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

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 in order to improve the quality of critical care. For additional information, you can visit the SCCM national website at: [www.sccm.org](http://www.sccm.org).