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President's Corner



Hello Texas Chapter Members! I hope all of you are having a great summer and were able to participate in National Critical Care Awareness and Recognition Month in May! We are well on our way to achieving many of the goals that we set at our Annual Retreat for 2019, which would not be possible without the volunteerism that exists within our over 700 member strong chapter!

It's hard to believe that in just under a year we have seen a 25% increase in our membership. With our exponential growth, we have been exploring ways to ease our growing pains, one of which is the official change to membership sign-ups and renewals through national SCCM. A tutorial is posted on our website under "Membership" and questions can be directed to the membership committee.

In line with our continued growth and expansion, one of our charges this year is the official expansion of programming into the Austin region. We will be hosting the first official Austin program in June and hope to continue regular educational meetings in Austin supported by our Program Committee.

The Community Engagement Committee is also a new development for our chapter. While our chapter is dependent on member volunteerism to keep the chapter running, we hope to be able to extend our volunteerism beyond our chapter and out into the community to our local Texans, providing education and increasing awareness of healthcare related issues that affect the public on a daily basis.

We are also in the midst of planning our biggest event of the year, the 8th Annual SCCM Texas Chapter Symposium at the Marriott Marquis, in Houston. We are very excited to welcome the Past-President of SCCM, Dr. Jerry Zimmerman, to deliver the keynote address. Please save the date now and plan on attending the conference October 11th and 12th, 2019.

The symposium theme, "The Changing Continuum of Critical Care" was borne out of the current SCCM president, Dr. Heatherlee Bailey's renewed focus on the continuum of care. Dr. Peter Safar, one of SCCM's founders once stated "critical care is a continuum that begins with prehospital care, continues with ED interventions, and culminates with ICU admission and management." We hope to embody this message with our theme this year. Dr. Safar went on to comment that "the most sophisticated intensive care often becomes unnecessary expensive terminal care when the pre-ICU system fails", reinforcing the potential downstream effects of our care on patients outcomes. We have the opportunity as the largest chapter in the country to collaborate with one another across Texas to improve patient care through research, quality improvement, and communication. I challenge all of our members to make an effort to collaborate with one another this year.

As always, feel free to contact me at president@sccmtexaschapter.org with any questions, comments, or suggestions for the continued growth of the Texas Chapter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Anne Rain T. Brown".

Anne Rain T. Brown, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP
President, Texas SCCM Chapter

Symposium Committee Update

REAGAN COLLINS, PHARMD, BCCCP

Mark your calendars for the **8th Annual Symposium for the Society of Critical Care Medicine – Texas Chapter, “The Changing Continuum of Critical Care,”** which will be held on **Friday, October 11th and Saturday, October 12th at the Marriot Marquis Houston in Downtown Houston, Texas.**



The Symposium Committee is hard at work finalizing the Agenda! We are excited that SCCM's Past-President, Dr. Jerry Zimmerman, will open the Symposium as the Keynote Speaker on October 11th.

Make sure to book your hotel room in the SCCM Texas Chapter block using the link below: <https://book.passkey.com/event/49913795/owner/14793349/home>. Stay tuned for more details regarding the final agenda and registration that will open in early July!

The Symposium Committee has also developed a new position below, so please contact me at symposium@sccmtexaschapter.org if you are interested:

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: SYMPOSIUM PLANNING CHARGE MEMBER

- **Duties:** Coordinate as needed statewide Symposium assignments; utilize Speaker's Bureau for potential speakers; offering continuing education obtainment resources; provide advertisement through SCCM Texas Chapter; provide exhibitor contact support
- **Average Time Commitment:** 1-2 hours/month

Educational Conference Collaborations

Thank you to all of our members who attended the 2nd International Symposium of Critical Care in Cancer Patients. A big thank you to Dr. Joseph Nates for allowing the Texas Chapter to collaborate with the ONCCC-R-NET to coordinate this conference! We enjoyed several lectures from our members including:



Pictured (Left to Right): Joseph Nates, Mary Lou Warren, Anne Rain Brown, Michael Sirimaturos

Disparities in Critical Care at Home and Abroad

- Janice Zimmerman, MD, MACP, MCCM

Organization in Oncologic Critical Care: Present and Future

- Kristen Price, MD, FCCP

Management of Neurological Complications of Cancer Therapies

- Cristina Gutierrez, MD

Updates in the Management of Immune Effector Cell Therapy

- Anne Rain T. Brown, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP

New Anticoagulants and Pharmacologic Management of Hemorrhagic Complications

- Teresa Allison, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP

Infection Prophylaxis in the Immunosuppressed Cancer Patient

- Jeffrey Bruno, PharmD, BCPS, BCNSP, BCCCP, FCCM

Medical Ethical Dilemmas in the ICU

- Michael Sirimaturos, PharmD, BCNSP, BCCCP, FCCM

Quality Improvement in the ICU

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

Nursing Care of the Hemato-Oncological Critically Ill Pediatric Patient

- Riza Mauricio, PhD, APRN, FCCM

Fiberoptic Bronchoscopy in Pediatric Patients with Cancer

- Dr. Rodrigo Mejia, MD, FCCM

Practices and Outcomes of CPR in Pediatric Patients / Simulation: A Paradigm Shift in Quality and Safety

- Dr. Utpal Bhalala, MD, DCH, DNB, FAAP, FCCM

Communication Committee Update

Annette Lista, PharmD, BCCCP

The Communications Committee is responsible for the dissemination of information between our chapter and its members. With that being said, we are looking for highly motivated, driven, and digital-savvy volunteers! We have two exciting volunteer opportunities available for the Communications Committee:



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: WEBSITE COORDINATOR

- **Duties:** Update official website account with important announcements and events; events include regional educational events and the Annual Symposium; update website with announcements requested by committee chairs; general monthly website maintenance
- **Average time commitment:** 3-5 hours/month

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: INSTAGRAM COORDINATOR

- **Duties:** Update official chapter Instagram account with important announcements and events; events include regional educational events and the Annual Symposium; update Instagram account with announcements requested by committee chairs
- **Average time commitment:** 1-3 hours/month

Please email communications@sccmtexaschapter.org if you are interested or have any additional questions regarding the positions!

The Communications Committee would also 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 this past year, our emails may end up in your Spam or Junk mail. To reduce the likelihood of this happening, we have several suggestions:

- **Periodically check your Spam or Junk folder**
- **Add us to your contact list (texaschapter.sccm@gmail.com)**
- **Consider changing your e-mail on file to your personal e-mail address by contacting membership@sccmtexaschapter.org**
- **Proactively check our website, Facebook, or Twitter for meeting invites and other announcements**

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

Research Committee Update

Michelle Horng, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP



It's time to get abstracts started for the annual symposium!! We had a record number of abstracts submitted last year for the annual symposium. We know members continue to do amazing research and would appreciate you sharing yours with us.

Please submit a research abstract for this year's symposium, which will be at the Marriott Marquis in Houston Texas, October 11 – 12,

2019. Abstracts may be submitted **starting July 1st through midnight of August 15th**. If accepted your abstract will be presented as a 4-minute PowerPoint research snapshot platform presentation.

Additionally, it will be considered for one of two awards for Best Symposium Abstract. Recipients will receive up to \$500 to be utilized for attending the symposium as well as free registration. Note, you can present it at the chapter symposium as well as the Annual SCCM Congress.

▼ Application Process

- Application includes the abstract, a short bibliography, and a signed conflict of interest form
- Abstracts may be submitted starting July 1st at http://sccmtexaschapter.formstack.com/forms/2019_annualsymposium_abstractsubmission
- All application materials must be submitted on-line by midnight (CDT), August 15th
- There will be no exceptions for late submissions

Please see the Annual Symposium tab on the Society of Critical Care Medicine- Texas Chapter website for more information.

We are looking for committee members who have experience with research and publishing.

If you are interested in joining the Research Committee please contact us at

research@sccmtexaschapter.org.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: COMMITTEE MEMBER

- **Duties:** Review grant applications for Texas Research Grant Award (late Spring/early Summer); review abstracts for acceptance to conference and for awards for the TSOCM Symposium (late Summer/early Fall); review abstracts for the Alan I. Fields Award (late Fall). Because this committee is heavy on reviewing abstract and grant submissions, we ask that members have previous publications and research experience
- **Average time commitment:** 1-2 hours/month

Awards Committee Update

Olga Rodriguez, MSN, RN, CPHQ

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: COMMITTEE MEMBER

- **Duties:** Evaluate and review chapter nominees for Chapter and National awards with the goal to have a representative for each discipline (physician, PT, OT, RT, dietitian, RN, and pharmacist) and region (Houston, Dallas, Austin, San Antonio, and El Paso) to be represented
- **Average time commitment:** 1-2 hours/month

We hope you were able to attend our SCCM Texas Chapter Awards Ceremony! Congratulations to all the award recipients!





PROGRAM COMMITTEE UPDATE

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

As Summer approaches, the Programming Committee looks forward to facilitating a broad base of critical care topics on a variety of Adult and Pediatric Critical Care for all our member regions to include our newest region, Austin. 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. Additionally, look for expanded access to critical care programming utilizing web-based technologies and new programming formats (e.g., Lunch-N-Learn).

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@sccmtexaschapter.org.

Region	Month	Programming
Austin	June	Adult Patients with Anti-Acetylcholine Receptor (AChR) Antibody Positive Generalized Myasthenia Gravis (gMG)
Dallas	April	Andexxa® (inactivated-zhzo, recombinant coagulation factor Xa): a peer-to-peer presentation
Houston	May	IPF: Managing your Patient's Journey from Diagnosis to Treatment
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	May	Myasthenia Gravis PAD and Anticoagulation
San Antonio	April	Vascular Emergencies - Acute Limb Life-threatening Bleeds Related to Factor Xa inhibitors; Andexxa® (Andexanet alfa)
	May	Large Vessel Occlusions; Triage and Therapies

Membership Committee Update

MAGGIE MA, PHARMD, BCPS



The last couple months have brought on a lot of new changes for the membership committee. The biggest change is that the Texas Chapter is changing the process in which members sign up and renew chapter membership. Moving forward, **all members will renew their membership through national SCCM** – at www.sccm.org. National SCCM members who previously paid for their Texas Chapter dues through our local website might have their membership dues prorated the next time they renew in order to get their national and local memberships in sync. Trainees will still need to sign up through our website however. Please note that you still do not need to be a national SCCM member in order to sign up for the Texas Chapter. For details on how to join or renew, please visit our site at:

www.sccmtexaschapter.org/how-to-join-renew/

As a reminder, members can obtain a free 1-year membership (Texas Chapter) for referring new members! If you are a national SCCM member, 3 new members are needed, whereas if you are not, 4 new members are required for eligibility. Since we no longer have our own application form for signing up, all referrals need to be submitted by the new member to the Membership Chair at membership@sccmtexaschapter.org. Referrals are awarded at the end of the calendar year and reset on January 1st.

Lastly, our chapter has over 700 members to date! We continue to grow every year and have you to thank for our steady and continuous growth. Thank you for your dedication, support, and active participation. If you have any questions or concerns regarding receiving emails, membership status, or renewing, please email the Membership Chair at membership@sccmtexaschapter.org.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

NEW!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: COMMITTEE CHAIR

- **Duties:** Identify and coordinate opportunities/events to promote community engagement which align with the chapter's mission (within the Houston area); Coordinate and set up all planning meetings; Collaborate with other health-related organizations and/or agencies as needed; Attend the event(s); Report activities/progress to Executive Committee on a monthly basis
- **Average time commitment:** 4-5 hours/month

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: COMMITTEE MEMBER

- **Duties:** Attend meetings; Assist in the coordination of community events as outlined by the committee; Attend the community event(s)
- **Average time commitment:** 2 hours/month



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, visit the SCCM national website at: **www.sccm.org**.