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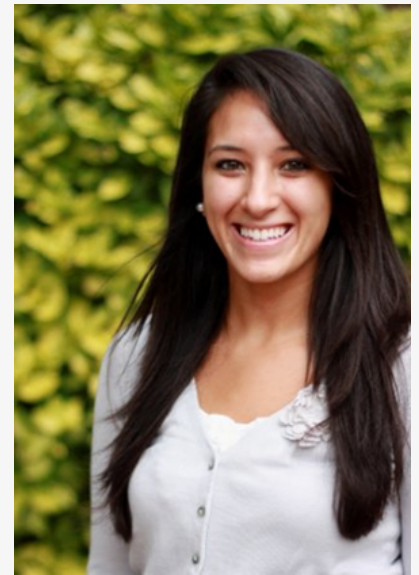
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# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings SCCM Texas Chapter Members,

I am honored to serve as your 2022 President for the SCCM Texas Chapter. I wanted to take a moment and introduce myself. I am a Critical Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in the Neurosurgical ICU at Houston Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas. I am also the Residency Coordinator for our PGY2 Critical Care Pharmacy Residency Program. I have been an active member of SCCM through the Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacology Section and the Graduate and Resident Education Committee and of SCCM Texas Chapter since 2015. I have served as the SCCM Texas Chapter Communications Committee Chair since 2018 and as President-Elect this last year working closely with the Executive Board to grow, expand, and fulfill the mission and vision of the Texas Chapter.



As you all know, the past couple of years have been tough for all of us. Many of our goals for the Chapter were sidelined and our team had to quickly transition our Symposium to a virtual platform for the second year in a row. Through it all, our chapter continued to hold intermittent programming while making every effort to give back to our membership, through cookie giveaways, pizza drives, and offering gift cards to those who participated in our Annual Membership Drive. For our new members, our Membership Committee sent out new member welcome kits that included SCCM Texas Chapter mouse pads, totes, and badge holders. We look forward to continuing to offer these benefits to our membership this year.

Our leadership team met in person and virtually last month at our Annual Leadership Retreat. We spent several hours planning an exciting year for the Texas Chapter and discussing different ways to continue to give back to our membership. I am excited to announce that planning for our Annual Symposium has started with our goal to hold it in person. Stay tuned for our Annual Symposium announcement and we look forward to seeing everyone in person.

I wanted to take a moment to thank Dr. Reagan Collins for her time spent as Treasurer, as well as Dr. Ali Seifi, Dr. Brian Dee, Christiane Perme, Lisa Beil, and Dr. Jennifer Hartman for their dedications and time while serving on the Board of Directors. Congratulations to the newly elected leaders, Dr. Brandy McKelvy (President-Elect) and Dr. Melanie Madorsky (Treasurer) as well as Dr. Ryan Bierle, Dr. Rebecca McClay, Dr. Olga Rodriguez, Dr. Dana Foster, and Dr. Nisha Rath (Board of Directors). We also have several new committee chairs and I look forward to working with all of the leadership team and our members to further our Chapter's mission:

*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.*

Warm regards,

Annette D. Lista, PharmD, BCCCP



Kirstin Henley,  
MD, MSc



Diane Dreucean,  
PharmD, BCCCP

# Symposium

If you are looking for a way to get involved in the SCCM Texas Chapter, look no further! The Texas Chapter Symposium committee is **searching for more members to get involved** in this year's symposium!

2022 will mark our **11th annual symposium** and we are preparing for an outstanding program this year. After 2 years of meeting virtually, we could not be more excited to announce that **we will be meeting in-person** (with virtual option)! We are in the process of finalizing the location, theme, and date soon!

As we begin our preparations and our bi-monthly meetings, we will need many volunteers to help out in different areas including:

- Venue coordination
- Topic and speaker identification
- Registration coordination
- Vendor sponsorship
- Housing and activities coordination

... And much more!

If you are interested in joining the symposium committee, please reach out to Kirstin Henley ([kirstin.henley@bcm.edu](mailto:kirstin.henley@bcm.edu)) or Diane Dreucean ([ddreucean@houstonmethodist.org](mailto:ddreucean@houstonmethodist.org)) for more information.

We look forward to hearing from you!





Matt McKenzie,  
PharmD, BCCCP

# Communications Committee

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

We look forward to seeing our members ~virtually~ at the upcoming **Society of Critical Care Medicine Congress** in April.

Please **tag us** on Twitter or Instagram @sccmtxchapter with any Chapter affiliated pictures or session reviews!

Please check our accounts out on **Instagram** (@sccmtxchapter), **Facebook** (SCCM Texas Chapter), and **Twitter** (@SCCMTXChapter)! Please follow to see our latest pictures of our events, membership, and any special announcements. We love to share what our members are doing across the state of Texas. **So, tag us in or send us your pictures!** You can tag us on Instagram by using the hashtag **#SCCMTexasChapter**.

I would like also to welcome our newest member to the Communications Committee, **Allison Floyd**, APRN from Austin, TX. Allison will be helping us with communication of events and programs in the Austin area—welcome, Allison!

We have volunteer opportunities available still!

Email [communications@sccmtexaschapter.org](mailto:communications@sccmtexaschapter.org) if you are interested in becoming either the Instagram or Twitter Coordinator. Both of which require ~1-2 hours of commitment per month posting events and happenings around the state each month.



# RESEARCH COMMITTEE

The Research Committee is pleased to announce the winners of the annual Alan I. Fields Award. These award recipients are selected based on a submitted abstract and receive support to attend Congress where they present their research. They also present at our annual business meeting and their abstracts are available for review on the SCCMTexasChapter.org website. Please take a moment to review these outstanding examples of research being performed by our membership.

Jennifer Gass,  
PharmD, MS, BCPS,  
BCCCP

*A Multidisciplinary Approach to Reduce Opioid Use in Mechanically Ventilated Solid Cancer Patients*

Michelle Horng, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP, Nirmala Manjapacha, MD, Courtney Magoun, RN, Joseph Nates, MD, Rekha Silas, RN, Kimberly Turner, PA, Benisco Voltaire, RT, Joshua Botdorf, DO

*Liraglutide for insulin resistance after burn injury*

Kaitlin A. Pruskowski, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP and Garrett W. Britton, DO

The Research Committee is also pleased to announce  
**the winner of the annual Joseph L. Nates Grant Award.**

This award recipient is selected based on a submitted research proposal and budget along with the researcher's CV and a statement of support from the organization. The recipient receives up to \$4000 to support their research. The winner for the 2021 submission is

**Dr. Nisha Rathi**

for his research grant proposal titled "*A Randomized Controlled Trial of Inhaled Tranexamic Acid for the Treatment of Pulmonary Hemorrhage in Cancer Patients*".

Please join the Research Committee in congratulating all of these researchers and thanking them for their continued contribution to the field of critical care!

Finally, in an effort to increase the outreach of the research committee in the coming year we are looking for members who are interested in research to join our team. We are in particular need of nurses, nurse practitioners, respiratory therapists, dietitians, physical or occupational therapists, physician assistants and other allied health professionals.

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



Kyllie Ryan-Hummel,  
PharmD, BCCCP

# NOMINATIONS

Thank you everyone who participated in the  
**2021-2022 FCCM Mentorship Program.**

Applications for the 2022 cycle were due March 15, 2022.

Good luck to everyone who applied!

We are excited to continue growing our FCCM mentorship program and have developed a new pre-review committee to ensure potential applicants are competitive candidates and successful in their mentor-mentee relationships. If you are interested in applying for fellowship to the American College of Critical Care Medicine (ACCM) in 2023, be on the lookout over the next few months for more details on this new endeavor and how to be a part of the FCCM pre-review process. Formal enrollment for the mentorship program will begin in July with matches sent out by September.

If you are a current FCCM and would be interested in providing your expertise as a mentor for the program and have not participated in the past, please reach out to the committee. We would love to have you on board!

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](mailto:nominations@sccmtexaschapter.org).





# PROGRAMS

The SCCM TX Chapter programming is starting to pick up in all regions. In an effort to recruit members in other parts of the state, we are renaming the “El Paso region” to the “West Texas region” to include El Paso, Midland, Odessa and Lubbock.

Please welcome **Sree Cheruku** as our newest member to the Programs committee! Sree will be helping us with programming in the Dallas/Fort Worth area – **welcome, Sree!**

Jeanneé Campbell, PA-C

	Date	Topic	Location
Houston	Wednesday January 12th, 2022	Understanding the Disease Burden and Clinical Implications of NMO Spectrum Disorder	Willie G's
	Tuesday February 22nd, 2022	The Identification and Mitigation of False Positive CLABSIs	<u>Hungry's</u> - Rice Village
	Wednesday March 23rd, 2022	SCCM TX Chapter Annual Business Meeting	Fleming's and <u>Zoom</u>
	Wednesday April 13th, 2022	Procalcitonin – Best Practice	Seasons 52, Westheimer Road
	Wednesday May 11th, 2022	Dalbavancin	TBD
San Antonio	Thursday February 24th, 2022	<u>Avycaz</u> : Clinical Profile Review and ICU Case Evidence	Perry's Steakhouse and Grille
	Wednesday March 9th, 2022	Dual Antiplatelet Therapy for Patients with Acute Ischemic Stroke or Transient Ischemic Attack	J-Prime Steakhouse
	Wednesday March 23rd, 2022	SCCM TX Chapter Annual Business Meeting	Fleming's and <u>Zoom</u>
	Tuesday April 5th, 2022	Life-threatening Bleeds Related to Factor <u>Xa</u> inhibitors	J-Prime Steakhouse
DFW	Thursday March 31st, 2022	Dual Antiplatelet Therapy for Patients with Acute Ischemic Stroke or Transient Ischemic Attack	Perry's Steakhouse & Grille
	Wednesday March 23rd, 2022	SCCM TX Chapter Annual Business Meeting	Fleming's and <u>Zoom</u>
Austin	Wednesday March 23rd, 2022	SCCM TX Chapter Annual Business Meeting	Curbside Pick Up at Fleming's and Zoom
West TX	Wednesday March 23rd, 2022	SCCM TX Chapter Annual Business Meeting	Curbside Pick Up at Crave Kitchen & Bar and Zoom

We have a **volunteer opening** to assist with the **West TX region programming** to specifically cover Lubbock, Midland, and Odessa.

If you are interested, please reach out to the Programs Chair via email at [programs@sccmtexaschapter.org](mailto:programs@sccmtexaschapter.org)





Maggie Ma,  
PharmD, BCPS



Celia Morton,  
PharmD, BCCCP

# MEMBERSHIP

Our chapter membership is currently strong and steady at over **600 members**.

We recently held a **cookie giveaway** in which we gave away cookies to several Texas Chapter members and their respective units. Congratulations to **Orlando Garner from Midland Memorial Hospital** and **Patrick Cullinan from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio**! We hope you enjoyed your cookies.

Watch for the next cookie giveaway, which will be in May or June!

Additionally, we are excited to introduce our **new membership committee co-chair, Celia Morton**. Celia is originally from Dubuque, Iowa and completed her Doctor of Pharmacy at Drake University in 2017. After graduation she completed her PGY1 Pharmacy Residency in North Carolina. She moved to Houston in 2018 for her PGY2 Critical Care Pharmacy Residency at Houston Methodist Hospital.

Following residency, she took a job at Houston Methodist Hospital as a critical care clinical pharmacy specialist, currently working in the cardiac and neuro ICUs.

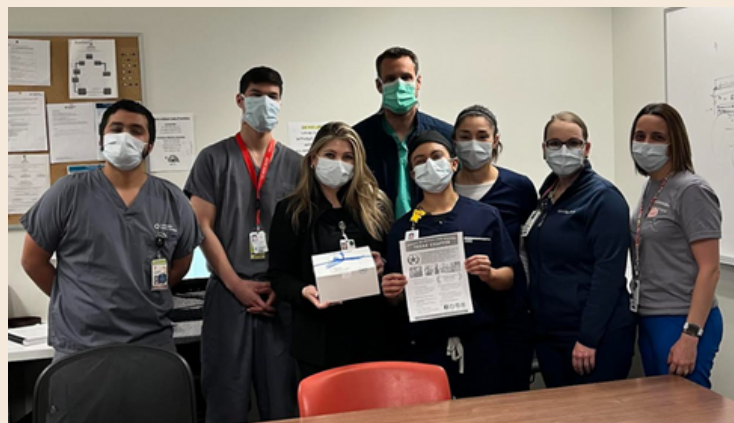
In her free time she likes spending time with her friends and her fiancé, Ty, and their dog, Tillie. She is also very into food and enjoys cooking and going to new restaurants in Houston.

She is excited to become more involved in SCCM as the membership committee co-chair!

As a reminder, trainee members (critical care fellows, critical care residents) receive **free membership** to the Texas Chapter while they are a trainee.

If you are a sponsored fellow (through national SCCM), you are also eligible to add the Texas Chapter to your membership for free. To do this, you can log into your account and search for "Texas Chapter" in the store. Add to your cart and check out! Alternative, you can call customer service at (847)827-6888 any time from Monday through Friday, 9A-5P CST.

If you have any questions regarding membership, your renewal date, or if you're not receiving emails from us (and would like to), please contact us at [membership@sccmtexaschapter.org](mailto:membership@sccmtexaschapter.org).







# 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.

We accomplish the mission by:

1. Developing the online nomination process
2. Reviewing submitted nominations
3. Selecting award recipients
4. Reviewing and revising the process for the following year

## SCCM Texas Chapter Awards include the following:

### 1. **Outstanding Member Award**

(one member will be awarded from each of the Dallas, Houston, El Paso, San Antonio, and "Other Texas" areas)

### 2. **Excellence in Service Award** (one award for each category)

- a. Education
- b. Clinical Practice
- c. Research/Quality Improvement

### 3. **Professional Development Award** (four in total)

We are excited to begin this year with optimism and open hearts!

We are ready to shower our members with the recognition they so deserve.

We have and will continue to aspire, inspire, and celebrate excellence.

Our **Outstanding Member Nominees** have excelled despite the challenging circumstances, and it is a privilege to shower them with praise for their sacrifice and efforts.

So, stay tuned for the award winners' announcement.

We can't wait to congratulate all the winners and nominees!

If you have any questions, please contact the committee chair at [awards@sccmtexaschapter.org](mailto:awards@sccmtexaschapter.org).



Darrell Alley,  
MD, MBA, FACS, FCCM

# Community Engagement

Howdy Texas Chapter!

My name is Darrell Alley and I am your  
**2022 Community Engagement Committee chair.**

The purpose of the committee is to provide health and medical education  
to the public and to the membership.

We are currently investigating hosting another  
**Fundamental of Critical Care Support course.**

As always, if any members are interested in planning or participating in  
activities, please contact me at  
[communityengagement@gmail.com](mailto:communityengagement@gmail.com)



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