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# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings Texas Chapter Members,



This will be my final addition to the newsletter as SCCM Texas Chapter President. The year has brought forth many challenges but the Chapter has continued to grow and our success can be attributed to our outstanding members and incredible leadership team. A big thank you to all of the volunteers, Committee Chairs, Board of Directors, and the Executive Committee for keeping our chapter running smoothly and expanding the ways that we give back to the chapter. A special thank you to Past-President Daniel Arellano for working diligently across multiple committees and providing the support and guidance to the Executive Committee to ensure our continued success.

Despite the beginning of the year having remnants of COVID surges and new variants, we were able to restart local programming at full force. The Houston area hosted approximately 14 events this year and we were excited to host programming in almost each of the regions of the Chapter. A big shoutout to Jeannee Campbell, PA for all of her hard work. If you are interested in helping with programming in your region, please contact [programs@sccmtexaschapter.org](mailto:programs@sccmtexaschapter.org).

The SCCM Texas Chapter also hosted our 11th Annual Symposium, “Embracing Diversity and Equity in Critical Care Medicine” in Austin, Texas this year. We were honored to have hosted our keynote speaker Vinay M. Nadkarni, MD, FCCM, SCCM President-Elect and provide continuing education to our members. The first and second place winners of the Jeffrey J. Bruno Symposium Abstract Awards were Neuro-Pupillary Index (NPi) Measurement Using Pupillometry and Outcomes in Critically Ill Children by Jessie Jiang, BS and Fulminant Liver Failure in a Young Adult: the Unusual Suspects by Kelly Bagwell, MD and Jaclyn Boozalis, MD. A sincere thank you to Kirstin Henley, MD and Diane Dreucean, PharmD for all of their hard work and dedication in having another successful symposium. If you are interested in helping plan the symposium for next year, please reach out to [symposium@sccmtexaschapter.org](mailto:symposium@sccmtexaschapter.org).

Our SCCM Texas Chapter Annual Awards, including the Alan I. Fields Award and the Professional Development Awards, are currently in the committee selection phase and we are excited to recognize our members. The winners will be notified via email soon and will be honored at our Annual Business Meeting in early 2023. Stay tuned to your email for more information about our 2023 Multicity Annual Business Meeting to be held shortly after Congress.

Finally, I want to thank all of you for your work in critical care and sticking with the Chapter through the rapid changes of healthcare after the COVID pandemic. As we gather at our events, it is great to see everyone's faces again, network with colleagues, share stories, and decompress about the tough couple of years COVID has provided. Please continue to invite your colleagues to help our chapter grow. For those of you who are attending Congress, we want to welcome you to the Chapter reception for drinks and appetizers to be held Saturday, January 21st from 3:30-5:30pm (PST) at the Franciscan C Room in the Hilton Union Square.

Happy Holidays and Cheers to the New Year!

Annette D. Lista, PharmD, BCCCP



Matt McKenzie,  
PharmD, BCCCP

# Communications Committee

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

The Communications Committee has been busy this past quarter!

We loved seeing you at our Annual Symposium in Austin on September 30th and October 1st, 2022. Thank you to all who tagged and posted social media content from the conference!

Make sure to be on the look out for several communications coming your way very soon including: local chapter meetings, election voting, Texas chapter networking event at the SCCM Congress 2023, as well as our annual business meeting in Spring 2023.

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**

We are actively recruiting for a **Dallas-Ft. Worth Communications Coordinator**, so if you know anyone interested, please email [communications@sccmtexaschapter.gmail.com](mailto:communications@sccmtexaschapter.gmail.com).

Wishing each of you happy holidays from all of us on the communications committee!







Kirstin Henley,  
MD, MSc



Diane Dreucean,  
PharmD, BCCCP

# Symposium

Thank you so much to everyone who attended this year's 2022 Texas SCCM symposium in Austin! We had over 80 attendees for our first in-person symposium since the COVID pandemic, and we had a great time together networking, socializing, and learning more about critical care medicine!

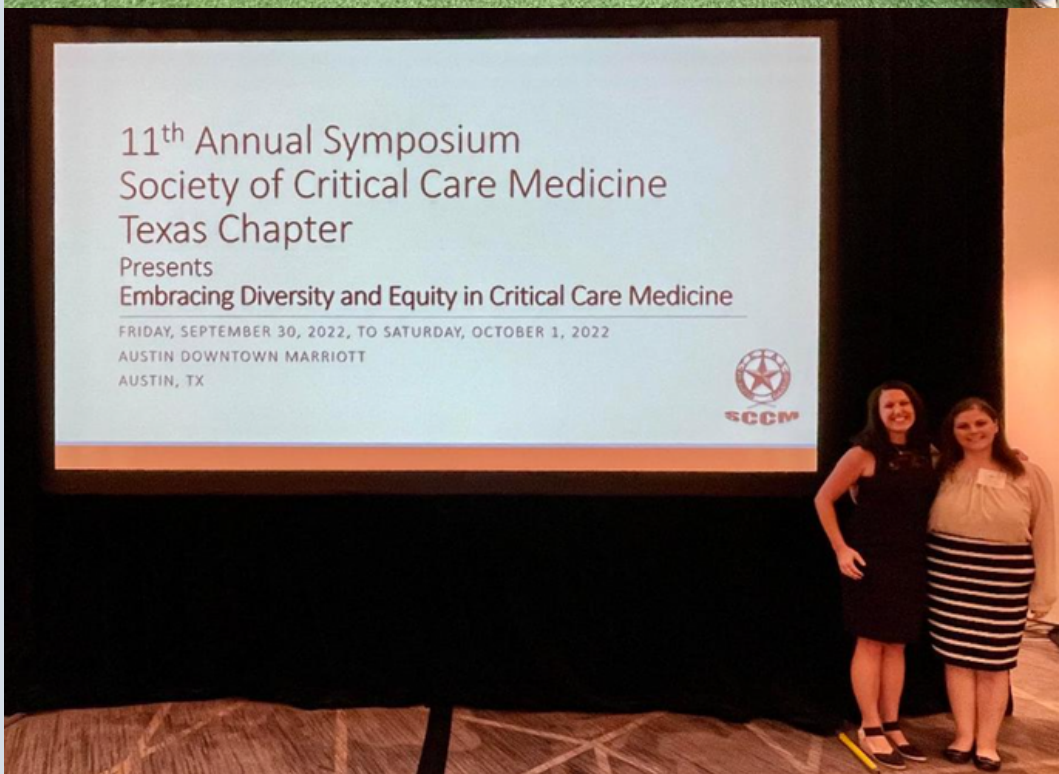
We had the pleasure of hosting Dr. Vinay Nadkarni (national SCCM president-elect) as our keynote speaker, and he delivered a phenomenal talk on diversity initiatives within SCCM. Additionally, we had over 20 different speakers across all disciplines provide engaging talks and share their expertise on a wide range of critical care topics.

We would like to extend a special thank you to the entire Texas SCCM symposium committee and Texas SCCM chapter leadership who put in months of hard work to make this symposium successful!



We look forward to seeing everyone next fall at our 12th annual symposium, so be on the look out for a save-the-date next spring!

If you are interested in joining the Texas Chapter SCCM symposium committee, please reach out to [symposium@sccmtexaschapter.org](mailto:symposium@sccmtexaschapter.org).





Jennifer Gass,  
PharmD, MS, BCPS,  
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# RESEARCH COMMITTEE

As we reach the end of the year the research committee is also wrapping up a year of work and looking forward to recognizing some outstanding research opportunities and contributions made in 2022.

The application portal for the **Alan I Fields award** has closed and the committee is currently in the process of reviewing applicants. Look for the **winner(s) to be announced in early 2023**.

Additionally, the **Joseph L. Nates** grant window has also closed. Members of the research committee are hard at work reviewing the applications and we look forward to **extending funding in early 2023** to the grant recipient.

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

Nominations for the SCCM Texas Chapter Executive Committee and Board of Directors are now closed.

The ballot is being finalized by the Nominations Committee, Executive Committee, and Board of Directors.

Chapter wide voting will be completed for the following positions:

**Executive committee:**

President-Elect

(3-year progressive term = president-elect, president, immediate past president)

Secretary (3-year term)

**Board of Directors (3-year term):**

Physician Seat (1 position)

At-Large Seat (2 positions)

Please be on the lookout for online voting late  
December 2022/early January 2023!

The elected members for each position will be  
announced in early 2023.

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

SCCM TX Chapter programming continues with monthly well-attended meetings. We are still actively working to recruit members in the West Texas region which includes El Paso, Midland, Odessa and Lubbock.

We have a volunteer opening to assist with the West TX region programming. The time commitment is about 1-2 hours/month. If you are interested, please reach out to the Programs Chair via email at [programs@sccmtexaschapter.org](mailto:programs@sccmtexaschapter.org)

Here are the recent and upcoming events by region including date, topic, sponsor, and location:

## Houston:

|                           |                                        |                 |                    |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| October 20 <sup>th</sup>  | AACN Collaboration Event – AKI/CRRT    | NxStage         | Kim Son Vietnamese |
| November 16 <sup>th</sup> | Avycaz: The Review of Clinical Profile | AbbVie          | Artisans Cuisine   |
| December 14 <sup>th</sup> | Winter Social + Charity Event          | SCCM TX Chapter | Hungry's Upstairs  |

## San Antonio:

|                          |                               |                 |            |
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| December 8 <sup>th</sup> | Winter Social + Charity Event | SCCM TX Chapter | StoneWerks |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------|

## DFW:

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| December 13 <sup>th</sup> | Vapotherm | Vapotherm | Season's <u>52</u> |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|

## Austin:

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|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| September 30 <sup>th</sup> – October 1 <sup>st</sup> | SCCM Symposium                                               | SCCM TX Chapter | Marriott Downtown  |
| November 10 <sup>th</sup>                            | New Standard of Care: Optiflow Nasal High Flow (NHF) Therapy | Fisher & Paykel | Perry's Steakhouse |

## SCCM CONGRESS SOCIAL

SCCM Texas Chapter Reception and Business Meeting

**Saturday, January 21 3:30-5:30 pm**

The Franciscan C Room in the Hilton Union Square







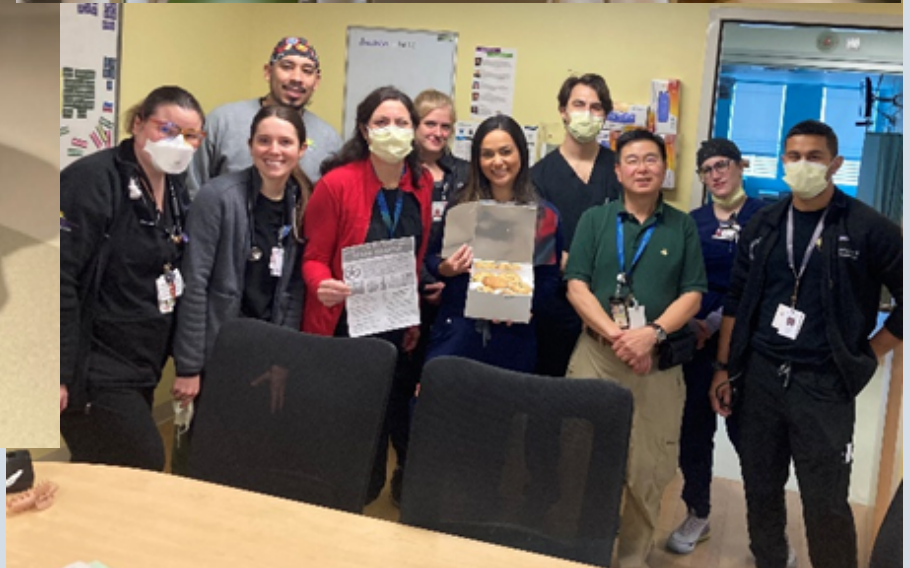
Maggie Ma,  
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# MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations to our **cookie giveaway** winners, **Chelsea Lopez** from the Surgical and Liver ICU at Houston Methodist, **Kirstin Henley** from The Children's Hospital of San Antonio, and **Nicholas Ettinger** from the PICU at Texas Children's Hospital!





# Awards Committee

Thank you for submitting your nominations for the Annual Awards of 2022! The nomination window has closed, and the Awards Committee is undergoing an active review of the nominees for the awards via a multidisciplinary review board.

## Awards:

1. Outstanding Member Award
2. Excellence in Service Award
  - Education
  - Clinical Practice
  - Research/Quality Improvement
3. Professional Development Award

Thank you to those who took advantage of this opportunity to recognize their colleagues/peers and board members for their hard work and dedication during this year. We all appreciate those who considered submitting your nomination. The purpose is to recognize those who have gone above and beyond over the last year. If you missed the deadline, just know that the awards committee looks forward to future opportunities to honor those who dedicate themselves to promoting excellence. Final nominees will be selected in January and award winners will be announced at the chapter meeting in February.

As the Awards Committee Chairperson, I would like to thank the Awards Committee members for all their hard work this year: Ellen James, Frances Okpaluba, Monica Damasceno, Geevarghese George, and Chelsea Lopez.

Thank you all for your commitment and dedication!

Please email [awards@sccmtexaschapter.org](mailto:awards@sccmtexaschapter.org) if you have any questions.







Darrell Alley,  
MD, MBA, FACS, FCCM

# Community Engagement



The SCCM TX Chapter raised \$275 and donated over \$500 worth of pantry items to Nora's Home this year. Thank you to all members involved in our annual charity drive!

The community engagement committee has been working on a community service endeavor with **Project Cure**.  
Details are pending.

The committee will be looking for a new chair. If any members are interested in planning or participating in activities, or have ideas for projects, please email [communityengagement@gmail.com](mailto:communityengagement@gmail.com)

The SCCM TX Chapter invited our members to participate in our annual charity drive. This year, SCCM TX Chapter will be providing pantry item donations to Nora's Home.

**Nora's Home** offers solid organ transplant patients and their families an affordable place to stay in the Texas Medical Center (TMC) where they can find support and share experiences with others in the comfort of a home-like environment. The home is 2.5 miles from the TMC and serves patients suffering from end stage organ disease and facing the need for life saving transplant surgery. Medical care often requires families to travel far from home and many patients awaiting transplant, under-going surgery or having follow-up care must stay in Houston for many months.

Nora's Home has welcomed guests from 38 states and four countries.



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