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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Well, we finally made it to the Holiday Season. Before we know it, it will be 2024! This year has flown by! I have really enjoyed serving as your President.

We are all looking forward to **SCCM National Congress in January**. This year, the Congress will be held in Phoenix at the **Phoenix Convention Center January 21-24**. Brandy McKelvy, MD, FCCP

We will host a **SCCM Texas Chapter reception** at the Sheraton Hotel on **Monday, January 22 from 6-8 pm (MST)** in the Camelback B Room located at 340 N. 3rd Street, and we hope to see you there. We are super excited to announce that the **SCCM Texas Chapter was awarded the Chapters Alliance Chapter Excellence award** and will receive recognition at the SCCM Congress. We will **celebrate** all the hard work our past president, **Annette Lista PharmD, BCCCP**, did to achieve this **distinguished honor** at the SCCM Texas Chapter reception. Please join us and congratulate Annette and all the members of the chapter for a year of superb effort!

We held a very successful **12th Annual Symposium** entitled **“Collaboration: Building a Better ICU” in San Antonio** this **past September**. We welcomed SCCM president-elect Lauren Sorce, PhD, RN, CPNP-AC/PC, FCCM as our Keynote Speaker. While the turnout was not as robust as we had hoped, the speakers and topics were excellent, we spotlighted some great research, the venue and weather were lovely and we made great connections with our industry patterners. We awarded the **Jeffrey J Bruno Symposium award** for “Healthcare-associated infections in patients with hematological malignancies. A nationwide analysis” to **John Cuenca Trujillo** who took **first place** and to **Brittany Jaisankar** who took **second place** for “Pediatric Palliative and End-of-Life Care Curriculum.” We truly appreciate all the hard work **Drs. Kirstin Henley and Diane Dreucean** put into making it an informative two days. We anticipate bringing the symposium back to Houston in order to increase attendance and feature our members. We are currently **looking for a Chair and Vice Chair of the Symposium Committee**, so if you are an organized, enthusiastic planner, please reach out to one of the executive committee members. If you would like to serve on the Symposium planning Committee for 2024, please also let us know.

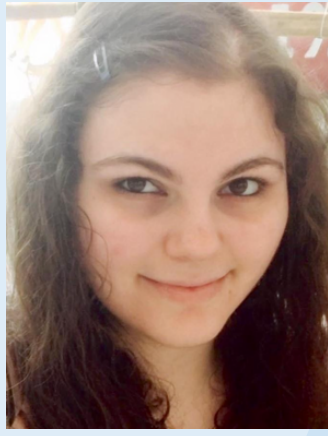
The month of November and December have been busy for the Chapter with our **Chapter Elections**. We have a list of excellent candidates and I hope everyone had a chance to vote. **Applications are ongoing for our Professional Development award, the Excellence in service awards** (education, research and clinical service) and **Outstanding Member award per Region**. Please **nominate** yourself or someone equally worthy of recognition. The **Alan I. Fields Award** is in the **committee review** phase. We will **announce all the winners** at our **Annual Multi-city Business Meeting**. Stay tuned for more information, planned date will be in **March**.

We continue to have **Programming** in Houston, Dallas/Fort Worth and San Antonio. We held our annual non-industry sponsored **Winter Social and Charity Event on December 7th** at Verde Garden featuring **“Dress for Success”** to round out our clothing collection and donations for the Fall Season. We are currently **seeking a programming coordinator for Houston**, please let us know if you are interested. We have welcomed a **new Website Coordinator; Ava** and she is doing a fantastic job. If you are interested in expanding programming in your Region, please reach out to Jeannee Campbell at programs@sccmtexaschapter.org.

Finally, I want to **thank all the Committee Chairs, Board of Directors, Executive Committee chairs and all the volunteers** for keeping our chapter running smoothly and continuing growth of the Chapter. I especially want to **thank Annette** for her guidance and **Laura Blackburn**, PharmD, BCPS, BCCP, for being the strongest right-hand lady! I wish everyone a **great Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!** Let's go make it a great 2024!



Kirstin Henley,
MD, MSc



Diane Dreucean,
PharmD, BCCCP

Symposium

Thank you for attending the

12th Annual

Texas SCCM symposium

in San Antonio this September!

We had **over 50 attendees**, and we had a great time together networking, socializing, and learning more about critical care medicine!

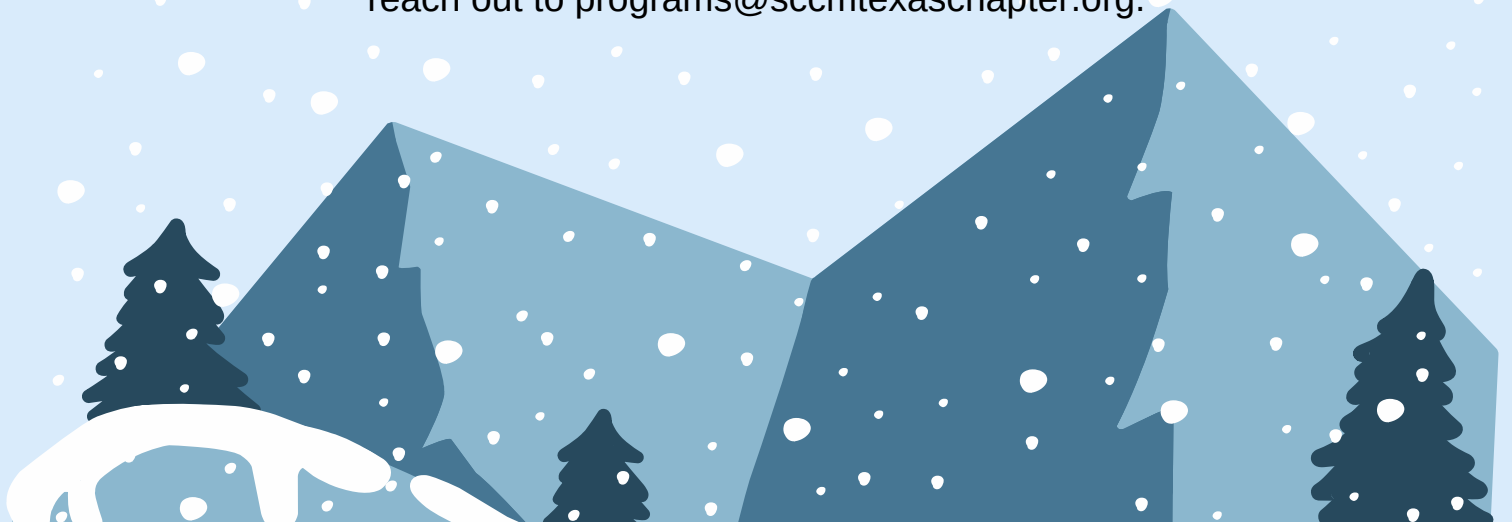
We had the pleasure of hosting **Lauren Sorce** (national SCCM president-elect) as our **keynote speaker**, and she delivered a phenomenal talk on collaboration initiatives within SCCM.

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 13th 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 programs@sccmtexaschapter.org.





Kouame Yao,
MSN, AGACNP-BC

Communications Committee

The Communications Committee is responsible for the dissemination of information between our chapter and its members. Many announcements and e-mails going out, so please check your e-mail regularly.

The FCCM Mentorship program has been updated and moved out from under 'Awards' to 'Nomination' tab on our [website](#).

Additionally, we are featuring our SCCM Texas Chapter members who submitted their most 'Festive Selfie' pictures on Facebook and Instagram pages. All entrants will be randomized to win an engraved Stanley Cup!



We are **still recruiting** for our Houston and Dallas/Ft. Worth **Communication Coordinators**.

Follow us on Instagram/Twitter/Facebook (SCCM Texas Chapter) to stay up to date with current events happening in your area of Texas each month. We love to share what our members are doing across the state of Texas.





RESEARCH COMMITTEE

As we reach the end of the year, the Research Committee is wrapping up a year of work and looking forward to recognizing some **outstanding research opportunities and contributions made in 2023.**

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 2024.

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 2024 to the grant recipient.

Finally, 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, dieticians, 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 for more information on **joining the research committee.**





Kyllie Ryan-Hummel,
PharmD, BCCCP

NOMINATIONS

Elections for leadership positions for the SCCM Texas Chapter Executive Council and Board of Directors are now **complete**. We **thank the chapter** for their involvement in the election **and the many candidates** who volunteered to serve our chapter; thank you for your participation!

Please **be on the lookout in the next few weeks for the certified election results** so we can congratulate our new leaders and thank those who have previously served.

Please **consider joining the Nominations Committee** and volunteering to help our FCCM Mentorship Program. There is help needed in managing mentee applications, mentor-mentee database, along with organizing optional virtual quarterly development sessions. Please reach out to the Nominations Committee if you are interested in learning more.

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.





Jeanneé Campbell, PA-C

PROGRAMS

Come network and mingle at the
SCCM National Conference Texas Chapter Reception
 in Phoenix, AZ!

Date: Monday, January 22, 2023

Venue: Sheraton Phoenix Downtown

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Food and drinks to be provided!

DFW			
November 30 th	CentriMag for Mechanical Cardiovascular Support	Abbott	Ocean Prime
February 17 th	Procalcitonin	ThermoFisher	TBD
March 19 th	Impella	Abiomed	TBD
Houston			
November 8 th	Teflaro	AbbVie	Perry's River Oaks
November 15 th	Understanding and utilizing the concept of Bacterial Burden to guide Antibiotic Use	ThermoFisher	Perry's River Oaks
December 7 th	Winter Social and Dress for Success Event	TX SCCM	Verde Garden
December 13 th	Dr. Dave Ritchie; topic TBD	Shionogi	Original Carrabba's
San Antonio			
November 1 st	Clinical Best Practices: Procalcitonin: Beyond the Basics	ThermoFisher	Paesano's 1604
December 6 th	Clinical Best Practices: Recognition & Management of Non-Motor Symptoms in Parkinson's	Supernus	Paesano's 1604
Midland			
October 18 th	Echo and Repositioning on Impella Support	Abiomed	Venezia Restaurant

We are also seeking a **new Program Coordinator** for the **Houston Region**.

Please contact us at programs@sccmtexaschapter.org if you're interested!

The average time commitment is approximately 4–6 hours per month.

Duties include:

- Organize regularly occurring Houston area chapter meetings
- Plan networking opportunities in the Houston area for members
- Inform prospective members of benefits and opportunities of membership





Celia Morton,
PharmD, BCCCP

MEMBERSHIP

Congrats to our membership drive winner,

Frances Okpaluba!

She won an **SCCM engraved Stanley Cup** for referring a new member to SCCM Texas Chapter.

Stay tuned for **future opportunities** to win the SCCM engraved cups!

Chapter membership is currently at **620 members** total as of December. With all of the exciting programming events this upcoming year, **now is a great time** to ensure your **membership is current** and to **recruit** your colleagues to join SCCM and the Texas Chapter!

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





Chelsea N. Lopez,
PharmD, BCCCP

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.

2023 Chapter Awards

The Awards Committee is reviewing submissions. It is wonderful to see all the great work our chapter members are doing!

Award recipients will be **announced in January.**

If you are looking to become more involved with the SCCM Texas Chapter, consider the **Awards Committee.**

If interested, please reach out at awards@sccmtexaschapter.org.



Community Engagement

The mission of SCCM TX Chapter's Community Engagement Committee is to promote opportunities to engage members in public health learning activities and support local community agencies.

Annette Lista, PharmD,
BCCCP

This holiday season, our Chapter has chosen **Dress for Success Houston** as the charity organization partnership for our Winter Charity event. The Dress for Success objective is to create change by equipping thousands of women each year with the resources needed to attain long-term employment and success - ultimately building skilled leaders in our community. They provide professional attire and interview preparation to women ready to enter the workforce. Their 20+ programs offer women an opportunity to participate in workshops based on their individual needs, including job search skills, career education, and job retention.

The SCCM TX Chapter will **accept professional clothing and monetary donations throughout the month of December 2023** and accepted them at the Houston Winter Social on Thursday, December 7th at Verde Green (1011 La Rue Street, Suite C, Houston, TX 77019). 100% of the monetary donations will be used to purchase professional attire donated to Dress for Success Houston. Dress for Success affiliates in the U.S. have 501(c)(3) tax status from the IRS. All donations are therefore tax deductible.

Please see the flyer for accepted professional attire donations. High need items include the following:

- Plus-size professional attire
- Closed-toe shoes (low heels or flats)
- Professional handbags

Thanks to generous donors and members of the SCCM Texas Chapter, we will be able to assist in helping to provide services delivered at no cost to their clients. (please attach flyer on separate page)

Stay tuned for volunteer opportunities that become available throughout the year!



DRESS FOR SUCCESS CLOTHING DRIVE

2023 SCCM TX Chapter Charity Partnership



Clothing Accepted

- Interview appropriate suits
- Professional separates (shirt, blouse)
- Slacks, dresses, blazers, jackets
- Work appropriate shoes
- Jewelry and scarfs
- Portfolios
- Handbags
- Unisex scrubs

Clothing NOT Accepted

- Non-professional attire
- Undergarments

How to Donate

Houston Winter Social

Thursday, December 7, 2024

Verde Garden

1011 La Rue St Suite C, Houston, TX 77019

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Scan our QR code*

*100% of the proceeds will be used to purchase clothing donations for Dress for Success



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