



CRITICAL CARE CORNER SEPTEMBER 2024

Society of Critical Care Medicine
Texas Chapter





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President's Corner



**Laura Blackburn, PharmD,
BCPS, BCCCP, FCCM**

Hello SCCM Texas Chapter!

We made it through another Texas summer! The chapter closed out summer with a weekend at the pool for our third annual water safety and basic life support community engagement event in Houston. While it still feels like pool weather in Texas for a few more weeks, I am enjoying the start of the new residency/school year and cooler weather along with all the hustle and bustle of our upcoming activities.

The 13th annual symposium, Navigating the Frontiers of Critical Care: Innovations and Challenges, is right around the corner. Symposium will be held in the heart of the Texas Medical Center at the Houston Methodist Research Institute. It is an honor to welcome back Dr Lauren Sorce, SCCM 2024 president, to deliver the opening keynote address on **The Humanized ICU**. We are eager to support our membership with education, networking, presentation opportunities, and cool prizes! The Texas Chapter has over 600 members, and I hope to see many of you live and in-person at the event.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our Friday night social, hearing the informative sessions, and participating in the Saturday morning game to kick off day 2. We also have a unique opportunity to gather and spread awareness about Post-Intensive Care Syndrome (PICS). Fortuitously, symposium was scheduled the same day as the International Walk for PICS. Hosted by the Houston Methodist Critical Care Recovery Clinic, we will meet with our walking shoes right after symposium on Saturday to stroll along a 1-mile course plotted through the Texas Medical Center.

Thank you to everyone on the committee who has been hard at work to make the two-day annual symposium a success once again!

The Research Committee has reviewed your research abstract submissions for presentation at the annual symposium and selected winners for the JJ Bruno Symposium Award. Fantastic work is being done by our members, and we appreciate you sharing through your submissions! Presenters of accepted abstracts enjoy a day of complimentary symposium registration, and JJ Bruno Symposium Award winners will receive an additional financial award. We are happy to support your research endeavors with further financial support through the Joseph L Nates research grant and Alan I Fields Award. Application cycles will open after symposium – check out the Research page for criteria and deadlines!

With so many members spread out across the state, the Membership and Communications Committees have been collaborating to showcase members for #MemberMondays. Outside of the many regional meetings throughout the year and annual symposium, we want to show appreciation to members in their natural habitat. We had a successful new initiative, Taco Tuesday Giveaway, that was well-received so stay tuned for more! Other ways the chapter gives back to our members include our professional development awards to use towards Congress or other SCCM training programs and annual chapter awards. Applications and nominations open after symposium!

Looking to get more involved? It is hard to believe we are halfway through the term and already planning for the next election cycle. We have several positions coming available in 2025 including Secretary and several Board of Director positions – see Nominations page for the complete list of positions and eligibility details. Other ways to get involved include joining one of the several chapter committees. Check out the committee pages for volunteer opportunities and contact the committee chairs for more information.

We welcome your feedback and ideas for how the chapter can best serve you, so feel free to reach out or catch any of the team at a meeting!

Best regards,

Laura M. Blackburn, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP, FCCM

Check out the updated website (new look, same address), www.sccmtexaschapter.org, and follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and X @sccmtxchapter for more information and updates on chapter activities!

Symposium Committee

Symposium Chair: Laura M. Blackburn, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP, FCCM

Vice-Chair: Sree Cheruku, MD, MPH

Event: Society of Critical Care Medicine Texas Chapter's 13th Annual Symposium

Date: September 27th and 28th, 2024

City: Houston, Texas

Venue: Houston Methodist Research Institute in the Texas Medical Center

Theme: Navigating the Frontiers of Critical Care: Innovations and Challenges

Keynote speaker: Lauren Sorce, PhD, RN, CPNP-AC/PC, FAAN, FCCM

Society of Critical Care Medicine 2024 President



**Laura Blackburn, PharmD,
BCPS, BCCCP, FCCM**



We are excited to welcome the 13th annual symposium attendees to the Houston Methodist Research Institute located in the Texas Medical Center. We have a fantastic lineup of speakers, educational sessions, research abstract presentations, vendors, a fun interactive game, and highly coveted prizes. Thank you to the wonderful committee members who made this all possible!

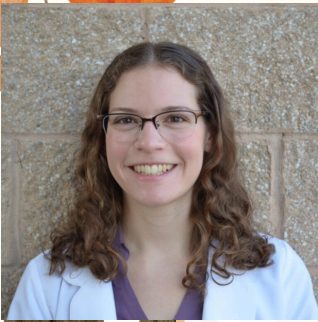


Join us after symposium on **Saturday, September 28th** for a walk through the Texas Medical Center hosted by Houston Methodist Critical Care Recovery Clinic to raise awareness for Post-Intensive Care Syndrome (PICS) as a part of the International Walk for PICS. Register at [walk4pics.com/join-us](https://www.walk4pics.com/join-us) or scan the QR code.

Visit the symposium page for details on sessions, speakers, registration, hotel, parking, and more!

<https://www.sccmtexaschapter.org/annual-symposium/>

If you have any questions, reach out to Laura Blackburn at lblackburn@houstonmethodist.org



**Melissa Sandler,
PharmD, BCCCP**

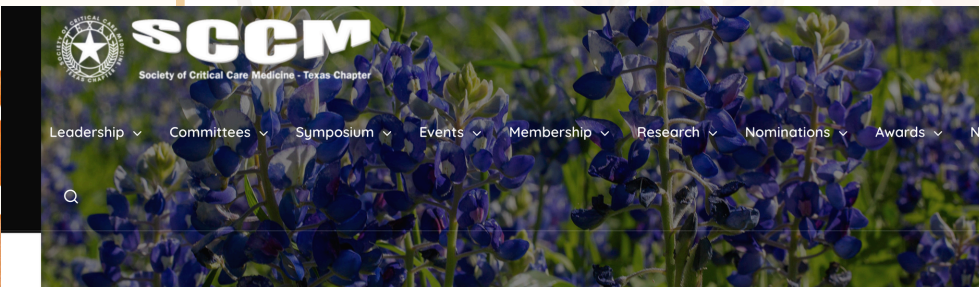
Communications Committee

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

We're looking for members to be featured on **#MemberMonday**. Please reach out to us at communications@sccmtexaschapter.org to be featured!

If you haven't seen it yet, check out our new website design at www.sccmtexaschapter.org. We're happy to show off its new look and improved functionality!

Please visit our website, www.sccmtexaschapter.org, and follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and X @sccmtxchapter for more information and chapter activities, including **#MemberMonday** where we feature one of our fantastic members each week!



New Website Design!

Society of Critical Care Medicine – 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.

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Research Committee



Emily Highsmith,
PharmD, BCCCP

Thank you to everyone who submitted research or case report abstracts for presentation for this year's SCCM Texas Chapter Annual Symposium! We had a total of 12 abstracts selected for presentation during the symposium. Additionally, the following 2 abstracts were selected to receive this year's **Jeffrey J. Bruno Symposium Award**:

- **Impact of Lymphopenia in an Oncology ICU: Characterization and Outcomes – Emily Highsmith, PharmD, BCCCP**
- **Post-Pandemic Multidisciplinary Revitalization of Early Mobility in an Oncology Intensive Care Unit – Christina Watkins, OTR, MOT**

Please join us in congratulating all of these outstanding research contributors!

The research committee is also pleased to announce that the application window for the **Joseph L. Nates Grant of \$4000** is now open. We would like to encourage all members to apply for this annual research grant which is intended to support clinical research designed to enhance the care and outcomes of critically ill patients. Applications are **now open** and the application deadline will be **December 27th**. Please visit the Society of Critical Care Medicine Texas Chapter home page or <http://www.sccmtexaschapter.org/research-grant/> for more information on eligibility, expectations, and the application process.

Also, stay tuned as applications for the annual **Alan I. Fields** award will be opening **October 7th** and the deadline is **November 1st**. This award provides financial support for researchers to present their work at the national SCCM meeting taking place in Orlando this February.

Finally, we are always 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 for more information on joining the research committee.





Nominations Committee

The next election cycle for leadership positions in the SCCM Texas Chapter will begin soon!



Kyllie Ryan-Hummel,
PharmD, BCCCP

Positions open for the 2024 election are:

Executive committee:

- President elect
 - Candidates must meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - Current participation on Board of Directors for a minimum of one complete year
 - Current Chair of a Chapter Committee for a minimum of one complete year
 - Past member of the Executive Committee
- Secretary
 - Candidates must meet at least one of the following criteria:
 - Current participation on Board of Directors for a minimum of one complete year
 - Current Chair of a Chapter Committee for a minimum of one complete year
 - Past member of the Executive Committee
 - Be a current active member of a Chapter Committee for a minimum of one complete year
 - The criteria of one complete year indicates a minimum of 12 consecutive months of service in the respective roles specified above

Board of Directors (3 year term):

- Allied health (2 positions)
 - All chapter members shall be eligible (with the appropriate discipline)
- Nurse seat (1 position)
 - All chapter members shall be eligible (nurses)
- At large (2 positions)
 - All chapter members shall be eligible

Officer responsibilities and required qualification information can be found on the SCCM Texas Chapter website under the Leadership tab. Be on the lookout for information regarding the opening of nominations; this will be early November, with elections planned for December. We look forward to your nominations and continued involvement in the chapter!

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





Programs Committee



SCCM Texas Chapter Programming

Houston:

August 7	Albumin Use in Hepatorenal Syndrome	Mallinckrodt Pharmaceutical	Perry's Steak House
August 28	Expanding on the Understanding of NMOSD: Presentation, Diagnosis, and Mechanism of Disease	AmGen	Steak 48
September 11	Ensuring Situational Awareness with Avatar-Based Patient Monitoring	Philips	Brennan's
September 18	The Rising Prevalence of Gram- Negative Resistance and the Need for Timely and Comprehensive Antibiotic Therapy	AbbVie	Brennan's

San Antonio:

September 19	The Rising Prevalence of Gram- Negative Resistance & Need for Timely Antibiotic Therapy	AbbVie	Ruth's Chris Steakhouse
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Want to get involved?

**We need a Programs Coordinator for the Austin area and for
Co-Coordiators for the DFW and Houston area!**

Please contact us at programs@sccmtexaschapter.org.

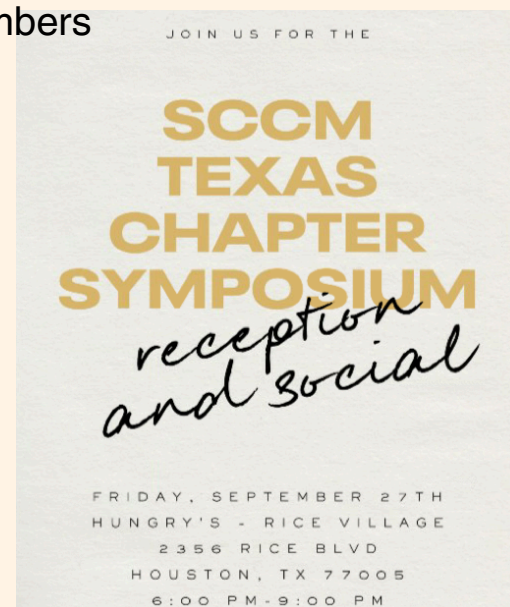
The average time commitment is approximately 4-6 hours per month.

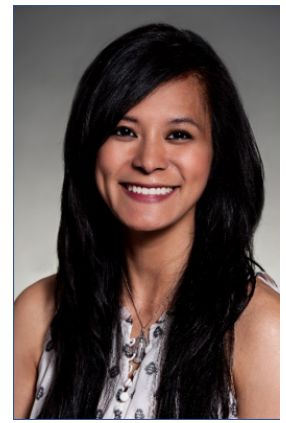
Duties include:

- Organize regularly occurring Austin area chapter meetings
- Plan networking opportunities in the Austin area for members



Jeanneé Campbell, PA-C





Vy Pham,
PharmD, BCPS

Membership Committee

The Texas Chapter currently has a total of **607 members**. With all the exciting programming events planned for the upcoming year, **NOW** is an excellent opportunity to make sure your membership is up-to-date and to encourage your colleagues to join SCCM and the Texas Chapter as well!

We offer **several opportunities** for engagement within our Chapter and are currently looking for volunteers who wish to participate in various committees. One specific position we need to fill on our Membership Committee is that of a **Renewal Manager**. If you are interested, please do not hesitate to get in touch!

If you would like to get involved or 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.

2024-2025 Awards

This year's professional development and chapter awards are open for nominations!

Application Deadlines

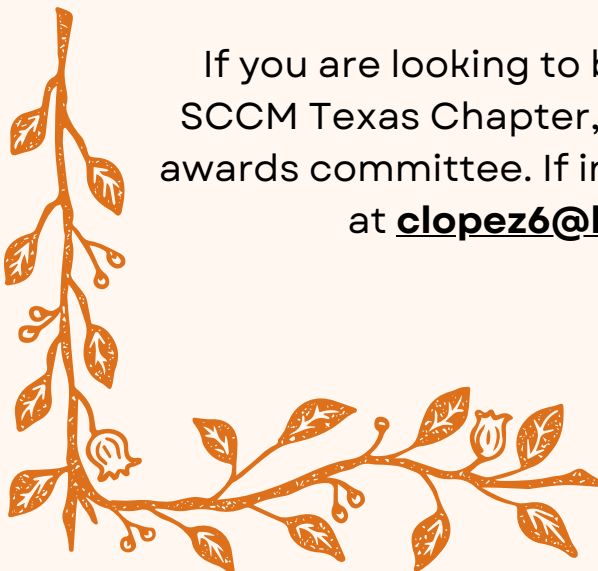
Professional Development Awards:

November 1st, 2024

Chapter Awards (Outstanding Member, Excellence in Service: Education, Clinical Practice, Research/Quality Improvement):

December 27th, 2024

If you are looking to become more involved with the SCCM Texas Chapter, I encourage you to consider the awards committee. If interested, please reach out to me at clopez6@houstonmethodist.org.



Community Engagement Committee



Annette Lista,
PharmD, BCCCP

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.

We held our **Third Annual Water Safety and BLS Community Service Event** at Lodge 88 Swim Club in Houston on Saturday, August 17th and Sunday, August 18th, led by fellow SCCM TX Chapter members **Daniel Arellano** and **Anne Rain Brown**. At this event, we teach children and caregivers about water safety and basic life support including choking and cardiac arrest. Every year in the United States, an estimated 4,000 die from unintentional drowning. That is an average of 11 drowning deaths per day. Water competency is a way of improving water safety for those around you through avoiding common dangers, developing fundamental water safety skills to make you safer in and around the water, and knowing how to prevent and respond to drowning emergencies. Water competency has 3 main components: water smarts, swimming skills, and helping others.

Please stay on the lookout for future volunteer opportunities. In the upcoming weeks, the SCCM TX Chapter will announce what charity organization we plan to support this holiday season. We look forward to your generous donations and assistance as we help extend our outreach to the Texas community.





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