

Society of
Critical Care Medicine
The Intensive Care Professionals



Member Benefits and Resource Guide



Thank you for being a member!

Your membership with the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) shows your dedication to the practice of critical care and your ongoing support of the Society's mission to secure the highest quality care for all critically ill and injured patients. As a member, you have contributed to the Society's continued success.

To help you achieve your personal and professional goals, SCCM offers several practice-enhancing benefits, which are outlined throughout this guide. You will find information on SCCM's vast array of educational and professional resources, networking opportunities, ways to get involved with SCCM as well as in the local and national critical care settings.

With members like you, we can accomplish our vision for a world in which all critically ill and injured patients receive care from integrated teams of dedicated experts directed by trained and present intensivist physicians.

Together we can make a difference!

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Membership Categories and Benefits

"I have been a member of SCCM for nearly 20 years. I look forward to the annual Congress each year, which provides me with the opportunity to meet new people from all over the world as well as reconnect with the many healthcare professionals whom I have met or worked with over the years. The scientific sessions are my favorite part of Congress. Each lecturer brings new and interesting ideas that I incorporate in my teaching and in my bedside practice caring for critically ill patients."

*Harry L. Anderson, III
MD, FACS, FICS, FCCM*

With nearly 15,000 members in 80 countries, the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) is the premier multiprofessional organization dedicated to ensuring excellence and consistency in the practice of critical care. SCCM membership is made up of a diverse group of highly trained professionals who provide care in specialized units and who work toward the best outcomes possible for critically ill patients. These professionals fit into a number of different membership categories.

Physician

- Anesthesiologists
- Emergency Physicians
- Intensivists
- Internal Medicine Practitioners
- Pediatric Critical Care Practitioners
- Pulmonologists
- Neuroscience Physicians
- Surgeons
- Uniformed Services Practitioners

Healthcare Professional

- Advanced Practice Nurses
- Clinical Pharmacists
- Critical Care Pharmacologists
- Dietitians/Nutrition Support Specialists
- Industry Representatives
- Registered Nurses
- Respiratory Therapists
- Physician Assistants
- Veterinarians
- Other Critical Care Professionals

Young Physician

Available to individuals who have completed their fellowship training program within the last three years. Membership may be renewed annually at this rate until three years after the physician completes the fellowship program. Documentation verifying the fellowship program completion date is required. Provides full privileges of membership.

In-Training

Available to fellows, residents and students in specialty training programs or pursuing education in healthcare related fields. Membership may be renewed annually at the in-training rate until the year the member completes the training program. In-training applicants must submit documentation verifying training status, including program director's name, date(s) of training, and the name of the institution. Provides privileges of membership, except the right to make motions, vote or hold office.

International Physician

Available to physicians residing outside the 50 United States. Provides privileges of membership, except the right to make motions, vote or hold office.

International Associate

Available to all healthcare professionals residing outside the 50 United States. Provides privileges of membership, except the right to make motions, vote or hold office, receive *Critical Care Medicine*, or apply for fellowship in the American College of Critical Care Medicine.



Benefits Available to Healthcare Professional, Physician, International Physician, Young Physician, or In-Training Member:

Critical Care Medicine Membership includes a free subscription to the #1 critical care subspecialty journal, as well as access to the full online archive of past issues. *Pediatric Critical Care Medicine* is also available through a low-cost membership program. Both journals will help improve the care you provide to your patients. The new MySCCM.org allows you to access the full-text articles featured in the journals with a single login.

Critical Connections A free subscription to the only newsmagazine focused on critical care is included in SCCM membership. Each bimonthly issue covers practice management topics, information on improving patient care and the latest trends in technology and clinical matters driving the field of critical care. *Critical Connections* also keeps members up to date on the latest SCCM activities and programs.

Professional Resources From practice guidelines and educational programs to an online job bank, SCCM provides unlimited resources to enhance your skills and support your practice of critical care.

Advocacy Efforts While you're busy caring for patients, SCCM professionals are caring for you by confronting issues such as workforce shortages and reimbursement at both the state and federal levels. The results of SCCM's united efforts directly impact your practice.

Chapters and International Affiliates Membership in your local or regional SCCM chapter or as an International Affiliate helps you network within the field of critical care. Educational programs demonstrate how issues of national importance affect you and your colleagues at the local level. Chapter and affiliate memberships also allow SCCM members to become leaders in critical care at the local level.

"The Society of Critical Care Medicine is one of my primary sources for high-level continuing education. The exceptional quality of education presented during SCCM meetings allows me to go home and apply newer techniques or translate complex literature into what I need to do to care for a patient. It challenges me to be a better clinician."

*Judi Jacobi, PharmD, FCCM,
President 2010*

Creative Community Choose from 50 committees to volunteer your time and talents in order to help advance SCCM's mission and goals.

eCommunities Online eCommunities provide instant opportunities to communicate with committees, sections, chapters, and other membership groups.

Discounts Save up to 25% on SCCM educational programs and resources.

Benefits Available to International Associates

The Society's International Associate member category provides a unique opportunity for healthcare professionals residing outside the United States to enhance their skills and contribute to the advancement of critical care through the many benefits of SCCM membership:

Critical Care Medicine Membership includes online access to sample articles from recent issues of the official journal of the Society of Critical Care Medicine.

Critical Connections Online access to the industry's only newsmagazine focused on critical care is included in SCCM membership, featuring articles on the multiprofessional team and improving patient care.

Professional Resources Stay current on the latest developments in critical care research and clinical breakthroughs with a variety of educational resources.

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Recognition Be recognized as an esteemed member with your membership certificate and identification card.

Discounts Save up to 25% on SCCM educational programs and resources.

Affinity Programs Available to All Members

The Society's partnerships with various service providers benefit SCCM members by offering enhanced service levels and discounts. You can maximize your membership experience by utilizing these services:

Hertz-Car Rentals — Discount Code CDP# 1516555 — +1 800 645-2210

Framing Success — Diploma Framing Services — +1 800 677-3726

Health Care Notification Network — Patient Safety Alerts www.sccm.org/hcnn



Networking and Involvement

Creative Community in Critical Care

Become part of the Creative Community by volunteering your time and talents to assist the Society in developing programs and identifying innovative educational projects that benefit all critical care professionals and the patients they serve. Members of the Creative Community serve on SCCM committees and task forces, and as section and chapter leaders.

To become involved on a committee or task force, complete a committee application online under the Membership/Creative Community Resource Center/Volunteer Opportunities section of the SCCM Web site. Committee applications are accepted at any time; however, the deadline date is May 15 to be appointed for the upcoming year. Committee appointments are made each September for the following year. Contact the Organizational Affairs Manager at +1 847 827-7659 for more information.

Specialty Sections

Join forces with practitioners sharing your clinical and professional interests through specialty section membership. Help advance your specialty through educational programming, advocacy and unique projects. The Society's specialty sections are:

- Anesthesiology
- Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacology
- Emergency Medicine
- Industry and Technology
- Internal Medicine
- In-Training
- Neuroscience
- Nursing
- Osteopathic Medicine
- Pediatrics
- Physician Assistants
- Respiratory Care
- Surgery
- Uniformed Services

Members can join up to three sections. The Pediatric Section has an associated fee of \$55 and includes a subscription to *Pediatric Critical Care Medicine*. Complete a section application under the Membership/Specialty Sections of the SCCM Web site or contact Customer Service at +1 847 827-6888 for more information.

American College of Critical Care Medicine (ACCM)

Apply for fellowship in the American College of Critical Care Medicine, which honors practitioners, researchers, administrators, and educators who have made outstanding contributions to critical care. Recognized by the prestigious FCCM designation, Fellows of the American College of Critical Care Medicine are committed to fostering the highest goals of multiprofessional critical care. The College promotes a forum for the development of collaborative practice among the specialties and professions providing critical care and for the development of guidelines and practice parameters. For eligibility and ACCM fellowship application information, visit the Membership/ACCM Fellowship section of the SCCM Web site.



Chapters and Affiliates

Chapters and international affiliates are independent organizations that share SCCM's mission of securing the highest quality care for all critically ill and injured patients. As a member of a chapter or affiliate, you can participate in exchanging knowledge of team-based critical care, collaborating with SCCM on projects and programs as well as forming relationships with other critical care groups and organizations.

The Society has the following chapter organizations within the United States:

- Baltimore
- Carolinas/Virginia
- Michigan
- New Jersey
- North Central (includes IA, MN, ND, SD, and WI)
- Ohio
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- Southeast Region (includes AL, AR, GA, KY, LA, MS, and TN)
- Texas

Chapter membership is free for in-training members and \$45 for full members. To join a chapter, complete a chapter application online under the Membership/Chapters section of the SCCM Web site or contact Customer Service at +1 847 827-6888.

The Society has affiliations with the following international critical care societies:

Sociedad Puertorriqueña de Cuidado en Medicina Crítica, Intensiva y Coronaria
San Juan, Puerto Rico
Web site: www.cuidadocriticopr.org

Asociación Mexicana de Medicina Crítica y Terapia Intensiva
Mexico City, Mexico
Web site: www.ammcti.org.mx

Sociedad Argentina de Terapia Intensiva
Buenos Aires, Argentina
Web site: www.sati.org.ar

Asociación Colombiana de Medicina Crítica y Cuidado Intensivo
Bogota, Colombia
Web site: www.amci.org.co

Tuscany Critical Care Group
Florence, Italy
Web site: www.tuscanycriticalcaregroup.org

Contact an affiliate directly for membership information.

Critical Care Forum

When you become a member of SCCM, you are automatically linked into the Critical Care Forum where you can network online with thousands of critical care professionals. Share your challenges and successes with critical care professionals who have had similar experiences. Access the Critical Care Forum at MySCCM.org.

Membership Liaison

Help the Society grow by becoming a Membership Liaison. These volunteers promote SCCM membership at specialty educational conferences and other events where critical care practitioners gather throughout the year. For more information, visit the Membership/Recommend a Member section of the SCCM Web site or contact the Membership Marketing Manager at +1 847 827-7157.

"I joined, and have been an active participant in, the Society of Critical Care Medicine because of its multiprofessional, multidisciplinary nature. It is the only critical care organization that values every member of the team with equal weight. SCCM has really been a highlight of my professional life. It has provided me with an opportunity to work with some outstanding individuals from around the world, all with the same purpose. SCCM is singularly the best Society I'm involved with."

*Pamela A. Lipsett, MD, FCCM,
2010 President-Elect*



Educational Resources

Our Promise

We promise to provide exceptional learning experiences, a vibrant community and essential tools that make you successful in improving the quality of patient care.

Medical Journals and Periodicals



Critical Care Medicine Learn about promising new research, clinical breakthroughs and advances in equipment and techniques that lead to better patient care in your free monthly subscription to the #1 critical care subspecialty journal, *Critical Care Medicine (CCM)*. Your subscription includes round-the-clock access to the full archive of past issues.

Pediatric Critical Care Medicine Gain access to articles focused on pediatric critical care and critical care neonatology with a subscription to the Society's bimonthly specialty journal, *Pediatric Critical Care Medicine (PCCM)*. *PCCM* is also available online and is included with Pediatric Section membership.

Log in to MySCCM.org to access *Critical Care Medicine* and *Pediatric Critical Care Medicine*.

Critical Connections Learn about ways to improve patient care and the multiprofessional team approach with your free subscription to *Critical Connections*, the only newsmagazine focused on critical care. Each bimonthly issue focuses on a new "hot topic" in critical care and highlights upcoming SCCM activities and job alerts. Special issues of *Critical Connections* also contain the Congress Advance Program and the Congress Review.

Critical Care eNewsletter Delivered twice monthly to your email inbox, the *Critical Care eNewsletter* has been redesigned and improved. The eNewsletter compiles the latest headlines specific to critical care as well as updates on SCCM events, educational opportunities and member benefits.

iCritical Care iCritical Care allows you to access SCCM news and information through the latest technologies, encompassing podcasts, vodcasts and RSS feeds. The award-winning iCritical Care Podcasts feature in-depth interviews with critical care experts, and vodcasts are available on a variety of topics. RSS feeds provide the latest critical care news and can be customized to fit your lifestyle, with feeds to your mobile device, desktop and much more! Whether you are a traditional or savvy technology user, iCritical Care offers convenient ways to connect.

Professional Resources

Paragon Critical Care Quality Implementation Program Paragon Critical Care Quality Implementation Program (Paragon) offers hospitals a unique opportunity to interact with and learn from peer leaders dedicated to critical care performance improvement. Engaging tools provided by SCCM, Paragon utilizes a combination of self-assessments, teleconferences, site visits, peer collaboration, and coaching.

Visit the Professional Development/Paragon section of the SCCM Web site or contact the Paragon Critical Care Manager at +1 847 493-6403.

FCCS/FDM/PFCCS – Bring a course to your hospital Participate in educating and developing the skills of your team members. Members with critical care experience are eligible to teach the Fundamental Critical Care Support (FCCS) and Fundamental Disaster Management (FDM) course after obtaining instructor or director status. With advance consent, an existing course can be augmented to include additional information. For instructor requirements and a current course schedule, visit the FCCS/FDM/PFCCS section of the SCCM Web site or contact the Hospital Relations Specialist at +1 847 827-6434.

Continuing Education Opportunities

Educational Conferences and Courses Participate in thought-provoking sessions on critical care topics in a multiprofessional, interactive setting at SCCM's educational events. You will walk away with information and techniques that you can use immediately to improve patient care. For more information on upcoming educational offerings, please visit SCCM's educational Web page at www.sccm.org/Conferences.

Webcasts and Online Offerings The Society offers many Webcasts that feature cutting-edge topics within critical care. Webcast participants can receive continuing education credit. In addition, participants have the convenience of attending from their hospitals, offices or homes.

Critical Care Congress

Learn alongside your peers, present research and participate in cutting-edge sessions at SCCM's annual Critical Care Congress. Considered by many to be the best part of SCCM membership, Congress offers a multiprofessional perspective on clinical topics relevant to your daily intensive care unit (ICU) environment and gives you the tools to implement improvements immediately. You won't want to miss these valuable events at the Society's five-day Congress:

- Cutting-edge educational sessions
- Hands-on workshops
- Poster discussions
- Postgraduate courses
- Pro/con debates on hot topics
- Thought-provoking plenary sessions
- Year-in-review sessions
- One of the world's largest exhibitions of critical care products and services

"My introduction to the Society of Critical Care Medicine began when I attended the annual board review course. The opportunities have been amazing and I've learned so much from attending the annual Congress and other supplementary conferences. By networking with colleagues from various professions, I've also learned a lot about the different aspects of caring for critically ill and injured patients and how we all work together as a team."

Heatherlee Bailey, MD

"Joining SCCM allows me to be a member of the ICU team at the national level, not just at my hospital. It allows me to shape the future of critical care, including critical care pharmacy."

Joseph F. Dasta, FCCM, MSc

Online Resources

SCCM Online

Be sure to log on to the SCCM Web site to take advantage of member discounts on all SCCM offerings including registration fees, publications and product orders. The site also allows you to access the membership directory, edit your profile, pay membership dues, contact staff, and more.

MySCCM.org

You can customize your SCCM experience by choosing what information is important to you with MySCCM.org. The site allows you to organize SCCM online information by areas of interest, bookmark particular pages, and receive updates on critical care news and upcoming events. Further, MySCCM.org provides a single login which allows easy access to journals, iRooms and SCCM's online meeting rooms. Sign in once and you can visit the Web site with ease and personalize it for your needs.

Membership Directory

Locate SCCM members through the online directory and send instant email messages or obtain other contact information.

Guidelines and Practice Parameters

Obtain copies of up-to-date administrative guidelines and clinical practice parameters developed by the American College of Critical Care Medicine (ACCM), the consultative body of SCCM, on the SCCM Web site.

Career Central

Whether you are a professional making a career move or an employer searching for a high-caliber critical care professional, Career Central is SCCM's one-stop online venue for all of your employment needs. This fast, reliable online tool will allow you to search job openings by category, keywords or location. Society members receive a \$100 discount on each job listing.

LearnICU

The electronic resource, LearnICU, is dedicated specifically to administrative topics and issues. This recently developed section provides informative toolkits, current instructor guidelines, information for program directors, and more. In addition to accessing text-based content, you can now participate in online learning exercises and multiple educational opportunities.

MyICUCare

The MyICUCare site provides information for family members or friends of patients who are critically ill or injured. Developed by SCCM, this Web site offers a comprehensive set of resources and brochures to help family and friends feel more at ease in the ICU environment.



Award and Grant Programs

The Society's award and grant programs are designed to recognize and reward thought leaders who have made significant contributions to the practice of critical care.

Vision Grant

Receive grant support for clinical outcomes research specifically related to the Society's goals and objectives. SCCM offers the Vision grant to support member researchers. Areas of investigation include education, integrated team of dedicated experts, outcome measurements and reporting, and continuous improvement.

Grants Available for FCCS Programming

Those developing or organizing Fundamental Critical Care Support (FCCS) courses in impoverished or developing nations may be able to take advantage of funding opportunities from SCCM. Qualified applicants may receive grants to pay for course licenses and textbooks as well as associated shipping and administrative costs. For more information and the eligibility guidelines, visit the Donate to SCCM/Programs section of the SCCM Web site or contact the Hospital Relations Manager at +1 847 827-6401.

Awards

Be awarded for excellence in critical care teaching and research for the improved care of the critically ill and injured through SCCM's award programs. Presented annually at the Critical Care Congress, honorary awards include:

- Presidential Citations for outstanding contributions of time, resources and innovation to the Society
- Asmund S. Laerdal Memorial Lecture Award for significant contribution in critical care research and publishing
- ACCM Distinguished Investigator Award for meritorious and pioneering clinical research that has significantly contributed to the understanding of disease or treatment of patients

- Distinguished Service Award for exceptional leadership contribution in furthering the vision and mission of SCCM
- Barry A. Shapiro Memorial Award for Excellence in Critical Care Management for contributing to the design and/or implementation of evidence-based practice that has significantly impacted clinical, operational and/or fiscal outcomes
- Dr. Joseph and Rae Brown Award for advancing quality care for the critically ill and injured, regionally and locally
- Family-Centered Care Award for improving the care provided to critically ill and injured patients and their families
- Grenvik Family Award for Ethics for the promotion of ethical and humane delivery of critical care
- ICU Design Citation for combining functional ICU design with the humanitarian delivery of critical care
- Lifetime Achievement Award for meritorious contributions to critical care through the advancement of medical science, education or medical care
- Norma J. Shoemaker Award for Critical Care Nursing Excellence for outstanding contributions in clinical practice, education or administration
- Shubin-Weil Award for excellence in both the teaching and ethical practice of critical care

Abstract-Based Awards

Advance treatment options and increase critical care excellence by presenting your original investigative research findings at the annual Critical Care Congress. A variety of awards are offered based on acceptance of original scientific abstracts for Congress.



Frequently Asked Questions

How do I obtain my SCCM membership number, user ID or password for the Web site?

New members receive a Member ID card in the new member packet, while renewing members receive the card with the renewal thank you letter. To log in to our online resources, use your membership ID number as your user ID. The password defaults to your last name. Once you log in, you can change your password.

Will I receive a membership card or certificate for joining SCCM?

Every new member receives a new member kit containing a Member ID card as well as a certificate.

How can I pay my membership dues?

Membership dues can be paid on our secure Web site at www.sccm.org/membership. Payments are also accepted via mail at SCCM, 35083 Eagle Way, Chicago, IL 60678-1350; via fax at +1 847 827-7913; or via phone at +1 847 827-6888, Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Central Time.

Can I have back issues of *Critical Care Medicine* mailed to me? How can I view the journals online?

Back issues of *Critical Care Medicine* and *Pediatric Critical Care Medicine* are available for up to 90 days from the month of publication. Issues older than 90 days may not be available. If you need a replacement copy, please contact SCCM Customer Service at +1 847 827-6888. Also, you can access the full online archive of past issues. To access the online journals, please visit MySCCM.org. To log in, use your SCCM membership number as the user ID. The password is your last name (unless you have previously changed it). Once logged in, please scroll down until you see the *Critical Care Medicine* or *Pediatric Critical Care Medicine* sections. You can then click on the selected articles or access the full issue.

How can I obtain my continuing education credits from the meeting?

Attendees can complete and print their CE/CME certificates by visiting the MySCCM.org Web site. To log in, please use your SCCM membership number as the user ID. The password is your last name (unless you have previously changed it). Once logged in, please scroll down to the blue bar reading SCCM Continuing Education and click on the conference link.

How can I register for SCCM meetings/conferences?

You can register online for all SCCM meetings by visiting our Web site at www.sccm.org. Alternatively, you can submit your registration via fax at +1 847 493-6446; by mail at SCCM, 35083 Eagle Way, Chicago, IL 60678-1350; or by phone at +1 847 827-6888, Monday–Friday 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Central Time.

How can I become a Fellow of the American College of Critical Care Medicine?

Fellowship in the American College of Critical Care Medicine honors practitioners, administrators and educators who have made outstanding contributions to critical care. To become a Fellow of the College, interested members must complete an application. Please visit the SCCM Web site at www.sccm.org for eligibility and application information. The application fee is \$250; once inducted, the annual dues associated with ACCM membership are \$50.

Do SCCM products offer CE credit? If so, how many credit hours?

Several SCCM products offer continuing education credit. CE hours and expiration dates vary by product. Please visit the SCCM store at www.sccm.org/store for more details.

How do I submit a manuscript to *Critical Care Medicine* or *Pediatric Critical Care Medicine*?

Manuscripts are submitted through Editorial Manager[®], a Web-based manuscript tracking system. To submit manuscripts for consideration, go to www.sccm.org/publications, select *Critical Care Medicine* or *Pediatric Critical Care Medicine*, and access the link Submit Manuscripts. It is necessary to log on to the Editorial Manager[®] system by creating a user account or using your established account. The Author Center is where manuscript submission is accomplished.

Are my membership dues/contributions tax deductible?

SCCM membership dues are tax deductible as a business expense. Contributions made to SCCM are tax deductible, as SCCM is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization under the Internal Revenue Service code.

Charitable Contributions to SCCM

Members are welcome to make donations to the Society of Critical Care Medicine at any time by making a gift to the SCCM Fund. Individual, foundation and corporate contributions support SCCM's vision, mission and activities. To learn more about SCCM Fund Programs and how to support them, visit the About SCCM/Donate to SCCM section of the Web site or contact Customer Service at +1 847 827-6888.

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