

CAROLINAS/VIRGINIAS CHAPTER OF THE SOCIETY OF CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE

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Pictured above: CVCSM Board of Directors 2016-2017

2017 ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

HELD IN CHARLOTTE, NC ON JUNE 1ST-2ND

Each year, the Carolinas/Virginias Chapter supports a Scientific Symposium to provide well-rounded critical care education to its members and local practitioners. Choosing a new chapter city and state each year, this year marked the 35th Annual Symposium. The conference was held in uptown Charlotte, NC and accompanied by the 4th year of our Annual Pre-Conference Pharmacology Course. Over 10 hours of continuing education live contact hours were provided over 2 days. Symposium topics included: thromboelastography, TEVAR, decompensated heart failure, alcohol withdrawal, fluid resuscitation, invasive candidiasis, and the novel idea of a post-ICU care clinic. The pharmacology course covered status epilepticus, shock syndromes, medication dosing in obesity, therapeutic hypothermia, Clostridium difficile treatment, and direct oral anticoagulant reversal. Additionally, a motivational Keynote Address was provided by incoming SCCM President and current SCCM Secretary, Heatherlee Bailey, on ICU burnout.

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HIGHLIGHTS- RESEARCH

Five abstract platform presentations were given and 17 posters were displayed this year at the Symposium. The winner of the platform abstract presentation was Lucy Stanke, PharmD with her project, "hemodynamic effects of ketamine versus etomidate in pre-hospital rapid sequence intubation". Second place went to Audis Bethea, PharmD for the project, "pre-hospital identification of elevated lactic acid levels and sepsis related outcomes: the LASR study". Congratulations!

SAVE-THE-DATE

Please save the date for the 2018 Annual Scientific Symposium and Pre-Conference Pharmacology Course which will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Virginia Beach, VA on June 7th-8th, 2018.



LETTERS FROM THE PRESIDENTS

OUTGOING PRESIDENT, CHRIS SZABO, PHD, RN, CNRN, CCRN

I find it hard to believe how fast the past 2 years have gone by! In June 2015, I formally transitioned to the President position feeling nervous and uncertain about how I would do. As the year progressed, I became more comfortable in large part to the tremendous support from the Board of Directors and chapter members. Together we made that first year so memorable that I opted for a 2nd term! Among our accomplishments were two successful annual symposia, reinstatement of our Articles of Incorporation, development of Board of Director operating procedures and financial support of members to attend Chapter and SCCM educational events. These were the result of a shared vision for our chapter and achieved through support, guidance, and enthusiasm from the Board and our members. I now step into the Immediate Past President role with gratitude and appreciation for being part of this phenomenal organization!

INCOMING PRESIDENT, KWAME AKUAMOAH-BOATENG, ACNP-BC, MSN, BSN, RN

The Carolinas/Virginias Chapter has made great strides under the leadership of Dr. Chris Szabo, and we thank her for her tremendous leadership and hard work during her tenure as Chapter President. In the upcoming year, our vision is to elevate the chapter to another dimension under the theme- "Discovery in Critical Care Medicine". The components of this vision incorporate our ability to embrace new ideas as critical care providers, diversity through stronger interprofessional partnerships with outreach programs, and by providing mentorship and support to all chapter members in pursuit of the College of Critical Care Medicine. The call of "discovery" awaits us, and this great chapter will rise to this call.



SOCIAL MEDIA

FACEBOOK

We are live and active on our Facebook page! Please follow us for informal discussions and chapter updates. Search "SCCM Carolinas/Virginias Chapter" on Facebook and request to join the closed group.

TWITTER

We are also tweeting chapter news and critical care updates! Follow us on Twitter @CVCSCCM

KUDOS

DOING SOMETHING GREAT?

Then we want to hear about it! Our future newsletters will highlight chapter members' and/or chapter institutions' accomplishments. This can include acquiring new board certifications, awards and accolades, or institution accreditations, to name a few. Send any and all "Kudos" submissions to our chapter email account: CVCSCCM@gmail.com

EDUCATIONAL EVENTS?

Have a local educational event coming up? Let us know, and we can highlight it in the next newsletter and on social media for chapter members who might be interested in attending! Send any local/regional events to the chapter email account: CVCSCCM@gmail.com

Pictured left (from left to right): Chris Szabo, Heatherlee Bailey, and Kwame Akuamoah-Boateng at the 2017 Annual Symposium