

President's Welcome Address

Our Vision: *Educate, innovate, and network for the future of critical care.*

Dear Colleagues,

I welcome you to the Midwest Chapter of Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM). The foundation of this chapter was laid by Dr. Padmaraj (Raj) Duvvuri, and a small group of interested critical care practitioners at OSF St Francis Medical Center, Peoria, IL in November 2018 and it was established in June 2019. Midwest Chapter now spans beyond Illinois, Indiana, and Missouri into the neighboring states and is one of the largest active chapters of SCCM.

This truly multidisciplinary chapter has representation from physicians, nurses, advanced practice providers, pharmacists, and trainees at all different levels.

The mission of our chapter is ***“to share the knowledge, disseminate innovative ideas and practices by collaboration of critical care providers through research, and education, with goal of delivering excellence at bedside of critically ill and creating future leaders in critical care”***. Our goal is to create a global impact on overall care of critically ill and injured patients.

Critically ill patients are at the center of our organization and will always remain in focus no matter the activities you are involved with, be it educational, research or clinical. With the exponential growth in the knowledge as well as technological advances in the critical care field it can be difficult to remain up to date. The Midwest Chapter of SCCM will help the members stay at the forefront of advances by providing resources in the form of scheduled webinars, conferences, grand rounds, and small group discussions. It will help members to seek mentors with similar interests and experience, from outside of your institution or even outside of their state. The chapter can foster academic minds, innovative ideas, research interests, and leadership abilities for its members. It can provide a platform to learn and practice the skills that are not uniformly acquired in one's professional training through simulation, discussions, and workshops. Members can brainstorm clinical, research or education ideas amongst each other forming similar interest groups. We have a wide reach to outside world through social media such as Facebook, Twitter, Linked-In, and a website with links to events, other resources.

I would like to welcome you all to our family of critical care providers in the Midwest Chapter. I would also like you all spread the word among your critical care colleagues to join our chapter. I encourage feedback and suggestions throughout our journey. Please do not hesitate to share your thoughts and ideas to make us better, so we can help you in achieving your goals. I hope we will all continue our commitment and enthusiasm for the greater cause – our mission and our vision to our patients.

I finally would like to thank from my heart for your contribution and commitment to the chapter and I wish you the very best for your successful future career.

Warmest regards,



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