



Society of
Critical Care Medicine



The Intensive Care Professionals



Mission

The mission of the Society of Critical Care Medicine is to secure the highest quality care for all critically ill and injured patients.

Envisioned Future

The Society of Critical Care Medicine envisions a world in which all critically ill and injured persons receive care from a present integrated team of dedicated trained intensivists and critical care specialists.

Multi-professional teams use knowledge, technology, and compassion to provide timely, effective, safe, efficient, and equitable patient-centered care.

SCCM Organizational Guiding Principles

- Promote a healing, safe and effective critical care environment for patients, their families and caregivers wherever critical care occurs across the health care continuum
- Promote the implementation of the integrated team of dedicated experts in the ICU for delivery of the highest quality, safest, most effective, and most cost-efficient critical care
- Advocate to patients, the public, and policy makers that critical care is a compassionate, patient-centered discipline
- Advocate career pathways in both research and clinical critical care that will attract and retain a quality team of personnel dedicated to improving the care of the critically ill and injured
- Provide the finest education for health care professionals, the public and policy makers regarding optimal delivery of critical care
- Promote and support quality research into all aspects of critical illness and injury
- Promote measurement of outcomes and processes to inform and improve patient care
- Promote member participation in quality improvement activities
- Foster development of critical care practitioners and leaders

Decision Making Considerations

The Society adheres to four considerations for decision making by all levels of leadership regarding whether current projects will continue, and new projects will be initiated:

1. Will the project promote the mission and vision of SCCM?
2. Is the project unique?
3. Is SCCM competent to accomplish the project?
4. What is the probability of SCCM's succeeding at the project?

SCCM Member Guiding Principles

- Achieve the best possible outcome for each patient.
- Serve patients, their families, and society.
- Promote care delivery by integrated teams of dedicated experts.
- Demonstrate leadership.
- Behave ethically and honestly with compassion.
- Commit to be a critical care professional.

Crucial Factors Impacting SCCM and its Members

- Political and Economic
- Resource constraints
- Aging Population
- Workforce
- Research Funding
- Ethical Issues

Internal Goal

SCCM will be the worldwide leader in advancing, promoting and supporting the care of critically ill and injured patients.

Goals and Objectives

Goal 1: Education (Learn It)

Enhance and expand integrated offerings and distribution of SCCM educational programs.

- 1.1. Fundamentals: Increase the basic knowledge and skills of all individuals that may need to care for the critically ill patient.
- 1.2. Review and Assessment: Encourage healthcare providers to achieve certification in their fields by providing the highest quality educational offerings
- 1.3. Knowledge and Skills: Provide top-rated continuing education for trained critical care professionals to further advance their knowledge and skills.

Goal 2: Integrated Team of Dedicated Experts (Deliver It)

Encourage best practices for the provision of optimal patient-centered care delivered by an integrated team of dedicated experts.

- 2.1. Membership: Encourage a multi-professional team and expand the number of member-providers available to care for the critically ill and injured.
- 2.2. Patient/Family: Provide resources that assist critically ill and injured patients and their families

Goal 3: Improvement (Measure and Improve It)

Encourage and promote implementation of research to improve the quality of patient care.

- 3.1 Research: Support, encourage and disseminate state-of-the art research (basic, translational, clinical-experimental, clinical-operational, outcomes, and health service delivery) in the field.
- 3.2 Quality Improvement: Provide guidance and tools to encourage the most effective and efficient means of improving care.

Goal 4: Support

Provide a robust infrastructure to support the mission and goals of the Society.

- 4.1 Communications: Provide and encourage effective communication from SCCM and between all stakeholders.
- 4.2 Governance/Organizational Affairs: Maintain an environment that embraces best practices of association management.
- 4.3 General/Administrative: Employ optimal business practices to provide the framework to support the activities of SCCM. This area includes staff development, business processes, and financial management.