

Letter of Commitment for Member-at-Large

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Please accept this letter as my nomination of self and *Letter of Commitment* for a Member-at-Large of the Society of Critical Care Medicine's Ohio Chapter. Briefly, my clinical background includes 15 years of bedside nursing from medical-surgical nursing to critical care and thoracic surgery stepdown. My four years working as an acute care nurse practitioner for the Cleveland Clinic has been within the Anesthesia Institute as a critical care House Officer. Within this role, I am afforded the utmost autonomy in scope of practice. I work closely with the critical care Intensivist in a regional hospital intensive care unit to admit and manage patients. Special privileges include endotracheal intubation, mechanical ventilation management, arterial line and central line placement. In addition, I am the primary responder to Code Blue and Rapid Response events throughout the hospital. This requires prompt patient assessment, initiation of critical care interventions, and ultimate disposition of the patient based on clinical response.

My diverse educational and professional background offers a unique perspective and skill set as a Member-at-Large of the Ohio chapter. While working for large corporations such as Nabisco and Arthur Anderson, I learned to build positive relationships, work effectively within large teams, and develop proficient communication techniques. These transferable skills provided a solid foundation to flourish as I entered the nursing profession. Throughout my time at the bedside, I challenged myself both at the bedside and in activities outside of patient care, such as poster presentations and acting as a Diabetes Mentor. As a critical care House Officer, I was a member of the Sepsis Committee that initiated the new Code Sepsis protocol. While in graduate school at Case Western Reserve University, I was a Teacher's Assistant for Advanced Pathophysiology over two semesters, affording the opportunity to collaborate with faculty in teaching a rigorous introductory graduate level course. Finally, I continue to educate graduate students by serving as a preceptor for acute care nurse practitioner students.

I am seeking opportunities to broaden my critical care knowledge beyond the bedside and collaborate with other critical care professionals in advancing the research and guidelines that support our practice. Serving as a Member-at-Large of the Ohio SCCM chapter is an optimal platform to shape the future of critical care medicine and engage members of SCCM's Ohio Chapter to collaborate locally in improving critical care outcomes throughout our region. Finally, my combination of clinical and professional experiences offers a relevant and unique perspective for the Member-at-Large role if awarded the opportunity.