**Society of Critical Care Medicine - Michigan Chapter**

**Board of Directors Candidate Statement**

**West Michigan Candidates**

**Heather Ledford, RT**

**Region of Michigan in which you work (select one):**

West (Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids), Regions 4,8

**Personal Statement:**

I have been a Respiratory Therapist for almost six years. Over that time, I have gained a true passion for critical care both adult and pediatrics. My life goal is to learn and provide the best care. Being on the Society of Critical Care Medicine Board of Directors can help me do that and help other do it as well

**Education:**

I have an associate degree in Respiratory Therapy, and I am currently working on my Bachelor’s degree in Respiratory therapy.

**Profession:**

I am a Respiratory Therapist a ta Level 1 Trauma Center, and level Four NICU

**Current Academic/Staff Appointments:**

I current work full time at Spectrum Health medical Center, Grand Rapids, MI. I am also going to school online for my Bachelor’s degree

**Board Certification:**

I have my RRT and working on getting by BSRT.

**SCCM Involvement:**

I am new to SCCM but I really like and enjoy working in critical care. I want to be more involve and work to better no only critical care medicine, but respiratory.

**Christopher J. Michaud, PharmD, BCCCP, BCPS**

**Region of Michigan in which you work (select one):**

West (Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids), Regions 4,8

**Personal Statement:**

It would be an honor to continue serving and advancing the critical care pharmacy community as part of the Michigan chapter Board of Directors. To date, my career and time within SCCM has been dedicated to advancing not just the pharmacotherapeutics in the critically ill but also the role of the clinical pharmacist at the bedside of these patients. My personal interests, speaking engagements, and research efforts are in the cardiothoracic, transplant, and mechanical support realms with particular involvement in antithrombotic therapy surrounding LVAD and ECMO. I am currently one of 6 pharmacists worldwide on the panel rewriting the ISHLT Heart Transplant Guidelines, and part of a small group writing an inaugural guideline on antithrombotic management of LVADs. I am strong advocate for multidisciplinary and multicenter research and collaboration. I also feel strongly that critical care pharmacy specialists must help lead the charge toward pharmacist provider status in Michigan (and elsewhere) by displaying skills that push beyond the classic pharmacy “tasks” and adding value that impacts outcomes on the patient, system, and national levels. I would approach this position with fervor to accomplish the charges and goals set forth by the broader SCCM coalition and challenge our chapter to be innovative in our pursuit of advancing critical care pharmacy services in Michigan.

**Education:**

Jul 2013 – Jun 2014 **PGY2 Critical Care Pharmacy Residency**

Spectrum Health, Grand Rapids, MI

Director: Melissa Vandenberg, PharmD

Jun 2012 – Jun 2013 **PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency**

Spectrum Health, Grand Rapids, MI

Director: Cynthia Pollock, PharmD, BCPS

May 2012 **Doctor of Pharmacy**

Ferris State University

Big Rapids, MI

**Profession:**

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist

**Current Academic/Staff Appointments:**

* Clinical Pharmacy Specialist – Cardiothoracic Critical Care and Mechanical Circulatory Support, Spectrum Health
* Adjunct Faculty, Ferris State University College of Pharmacy; ACLS and Critical Care Pharmacotherapy
* Adjunct Faculty, Grand Valley State University Physician Assistant Studies Program; Cardiovascular and Critical Care Pharmacology

**Board Certification:**

Nov 2017 – present **Board Certified Critical Care Pharmacist (BCCCP)**

Credential ID: 7151546; Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties

Nov 2014 - present **Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist (BCPS)**

Credential ID: 3140945F; Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties

**SCCM Involvement:**

2013 – present: Member of Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacology section

2014 – present: Part of CPP Education Committee

2015 – present: Abstract Reviewer for Annual Meeting

2018 – present: Invited moderator for poster walk rounds and mini-oral presentations

**Amy Riley Spencer, MD, FACS**

**Region of Michigan in which you work (select one):**

West (Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids), Regions 4,8

**Office self nominating for** Board of Directors

**Personal Statement:**

As an active Burn and Acute Care Surgeon I will be a good addition to the Board of Directors of the Michigan Chapter of the SCCM. In my current role I am involved in resident and nursing education and am faculty for our Critical Care Fellowship program. I am committed to advancing medical knowledge through active participation in research. I currently serve as the Burn Medical Director at my institution and successfully transitioned the program to a new model of practice with new practice guidelines. I am also the current Chair of the Provider Advisory Committee, a sub-committee of our Medical Group Board of Directors. These leadership experiences, in combination with my clinical experience and dedication to the profession of Critical Care Medicine will be an asset to the Board of Directors.

**Education:**

General Surgery Residency: Detroit Medical Center/Wayne State University, 2006-2013

Surgical Critical Care Fellowship: University of Michigan, 2013-2014

**Profession:**

Burn and Acute Care Surgeon (Emergency General Surgery, Trauma and Surgical Critical Care)

**Current Academic/Staff Appointments:**

Burn Medical Director- Spectrum Health, Grand Rapids, MI

Burn and Acute Care Surgeon - Spectrum Health, Grand Rapids, MI

Clinical Assistant Professor- Michigan State University

Teaching Faculty, Spectrum Health Office of Medical Education

**Board Certification:**

General Surgery - 2013

Surgical Critical Care - 2014

**SCCM Involvement:**

Conference participation, including submissions for poster presentations.