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I am currently in my second year of practice as Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care at University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center (UHCMC). I graduated from WVU School of Medicine in 2015 and went on to do my internal medicine residency at Stony Brook University Hospital in Long Island, NY. I completed my Pulmonary and Critical Care Fellowship at UHCMC in 2021 where I served as a chief fellow in my third year. I am also currently Associate Program Director of the Pulmonary and Critical Care Fellowship at UHCMC and the Medical Director of Inpatient Respiratory Therapy at UHCMC. In addition to my clinical work in pulmonary clinic and the MICU, I serve as the Inpatient Lead on the Sepsis Committee at UHCMC since September 2021. My interests include sepsis, respiratory failure, quality improvement, and medical education.

My time serving as the inpatient lead on the sepsis committee has taught me the art of effective communication across a large diverse group of medical professionals, as well as how to gather and incorporate feedback for continued improvement of system processes. Collaboration with other healthcare professionals who are passionate about critical care medicine is important to me and I believe is what will help us provide better care for our patients. Medical education is a strong interest of mine and I have been able to develop and integrate a Sepsis Simulation class for our medical residents that rotate in the MICU since July 2022. Additionally, I helped revive the quarterly Cleveland City Wide PCCM Conference this past fall, which is a great platform for fellows to discuss interesting cases as well as to interact with fellows and faculty from different institutions.

If selected for this position, I plan to strengthen the connection and increase the involvement of my institution with the Ohio SCCM chapter. I also hope to build new professional relationships that will lay groundwork for future projects and endeavors. I believe my various leadership experiences along with my value for collaboration will bring continued progress and innovation to the Ohio SCCM chapter. I look forward to being an active member of the chapter and hope you consider me for the position of member at large.