

Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth

17th Annual Critical Care Conference

Friday, May 29, 2026

7:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Southwestern Baptist Theological
Seminary, The Riley Center

4701 Stanley Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76115



A message from the Program Director

Welcome to the 17th Annual Critical Care Conference. We are honored to bring together physicians, nurses, and healthcare professionals from across disciplines who share a commitment to excellence in the care of critically ill patients.

Critical care medicine demands rapid thinking, strong teamwork, and the ability to respond decisively in the face of clinical emergencies. This conference is designed to support that mission by providing a forum for learning, collaboration, and the exchange of practical knowledge that can improve patient outcomes.

Throughout the program, we will explore a wide range of topics central to modern critical care - from the management of acute clinical crises to advances in monitoring, resuscitation, and multidisciplinary coordination. Our speakers and faculty bring deep expertise and real-world experience that will help translate evidence into practice at the bedside.

Thank you for your dedication to critical care and for being part of this important gathering. We hope the sessions ahead are informative, engaging, and ultimately empowering in your ongoing work to deliver the highest level of care to those who need it most.



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Professor of Medicine
TCU Burnett School of Medicine
Critical Care Medicine
Texas Pulmonary & Critical Care
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Fort Worth, Texas

Agenda

FORMAT: The educational methods include didactic lectures with interactive question and answer session.

7:15 a.m. Registration/Breakfast

7:50 a.m. Welcome & Introduction

8 a.m. *The Delirium Revolution: Our Lynchpin to Finding the Person in Patient*
Wesley Ely, M.D., M.P.H.

9 a.m. *Critical Thinking in the Most Time-Sensitive Clinical Emergencies*
Karen M. Marzlin, DNP, CCNS, ACNPC-AG, CCRN-CMC, CHFNP

10 a.m. Break/Exhibits

10:30 a.m. *Continued Critical Thinking in the Most Time-Sensitive Clinical Emergencies*
Karen M. Marzlin, DNP, CCNS, ACNPC-AG, CCRN-CMC, CHFNP

11:30 a.m. *Critical Appraisal of Therapeutic Options in Management of Acute Pulmonary Embolism*
Jonathan Ives, PA-C., MBA

12:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 p.m. *Diagnosis and Escalation of Care in Cardiogenic Shock*
Christopher Grubs, M.D.

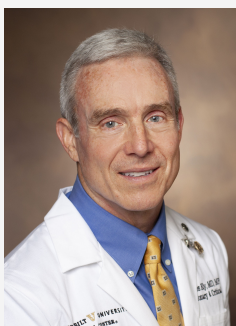
2:30 p.m. *Sepsis 2026 Update*
Atul Malhotra, M.D.

3:30 p.m. Closing Remarks & Adjourn



8 a.m.

The Delirium Revolution: Our Lynchpin to Finding the Person in Patient



Presenter:

Wesley Ely, M.D., M.P.H.

Internist, Pulmonologist, and Critical Care
Physician
Vanderbilt University School of Medicine
Author of *Every Deep-Drawn Breath*
Nashville, Tennessee

OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this educational activity, participants should be able to:

- Describe the difficulties health care professionals experience in our desire to balance advances in technology with whole-person care (screen time vs. eye time).
- Explain a scientifically proven method for amplifying humanism and dignity that we can implement, one patient at a time, to reduce delirium, PTSD, dementia, and depression.
- Discuss how to harness the power of human story as a hopeful path forward to preserve our vocation in the healing art of medicine.



9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Critical Thinking in the Most Time-Sensitive Clinical Emergencies



Presenter:

**Karen M. Marzlin, DNP, CCNS,
ACNPC-AG, CCRN-CMC, CHFN**

Cardiovascular Nursing Education Associates
Trainer, Educator and Coach for Nurse Managers and
Professional Nurses
Key Choice
Uniontown, Ohio

OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this educational activity, participants should be able to:

- Link patient risk factors for obstructive shock with clinical presentation.
- Identify bedside physical exam findings used to help rule out obstructive shock.
- Correlate the life-saving treatment strategies required for obstructive shock to the critical need for rapid diagnosis and intervention.

11:30 a.m.

Critical Appraisal of Therapeutic Options in Management of Acute Pulmonary Embolism



Presenter:

Jonathan Ives, PA-C, MBA

Physicians Assistant
Chief Strategy Integration Officer
Texas Pulmonary & Critical Care Consultants
Fort Worth, Texas

OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this educational activity, participants should be able to:

- Define and differentiate submassive pulmonary embolism (PE), emphasizing key diagnostic criteria and clinical presentations.
- Discuss the various imaging modalities and diagnostic tests used for the identification of the submassive PE and outline their respective advantages and limitations.
- Describe the current evidence-based management strategies for submassive PE, including anticoagulation, systemic thrombolysis, catheter-directed thrombolysis, and surgical embolectomy.
- Provide an overview of ECMO cannulation as a potential rescue therapy for patients with submassive PE, including indications and contraindications.
- Collaboratively analyze case studies with the interprofessional healthcare team to apply the concepts and management strategies discussed in the lecture to real-world clinical scenarios.



1:30 p.m.

Diagnosis and Escalation of Care in Cardiogenic Shock



Presenter:

Christopher Grubb, M.D.

Fellow In Cardiovascular Medicine
Department of Medicine
Division of Cardiology
UT Southwestern Medical Center
Dallas, Texas

OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this educational activity, participants should be able to:

- Discuss and diagnose cardiogenic shock and its various phenotypes.
- Recognize and interpret hemodynamic assessments.
- Explain staging and severity of illness.
- Recognize signs of clinical deterioration and work collaboratively as an interprofessional critical care team to communicate findings and initiate appropriate escalation of care.

2:30 p.m.

Sepsis 2026 Update



Presenter:

Atul Malhotra, M.D.

Sleep Medicine Specialist
Professor of Medicine
UC San Diego Health
San Diego, California

OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this educational activity, participants should be able to:

- Discuss current literature on sepsis therapy.
- Consider the utility of the SEP1 bundle.
- Appreciate future directions in sepsis care.
- Describe the roles and responsibilities of the interprofessional healthcare team including communication and collaboration to improve sepsis-related outcomes in critically ill patients.

Accreditation

In support of improving patient care, Texas Health Resources is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.



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Texas Health Resources is an approved CE provider for EMS Providers (DSHS Program Approval Number: 600827) through the Texas Department of State Health Services.



Texas Health Resources is a Texas CCAP Accredited Provider by the Texas Physical Therapy Association, APS#: 2611066TX.

Texas Health Resources has been authorized by the American Academy of PAs (AAPA) to award AAPA Category 1 CME credit for activities planned in accordance with AAPA CME Criteria.

Designation of Credit

Physicians: The Texas Health Resources designates this live activity for a maximum of 6 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Nurses and Advanced Practice Nurses: 6 contact hours will be provided

Physician Assistants: This activity is designated for 6 AAPA Category 1 CME credits. PAs should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation.

Pharmacists: Texas Health Resources designates this knowledge-based activity for 6 ACPE credits

EMS: 6 CE hours will be provided for EMS providers

Physical Therapists: 6 CCUs will be provided

Respiratory Therapists: This program has been submitted for approval for a maximum of 6 contact hour(s) Continuing Respiratory Care Education (CRCE) credits by the American Association for Respiratory Care.

Ethics: The presentation “The Delirium Revolution: Our Lynchpin to Finding the Person in Patient” has been designated by Texas Health Resources for 1 credit of education in medical ethics and/or professional responsibility

Registration

Registration closes on Friday, May 15, 2026.

All registrations will be confirmed. No late registration will be accepted.

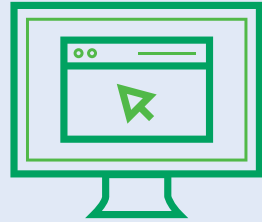
\$100 Physicians

**\$50 Physician Assistants, Allied Health, Nurses, Pharmacists
EMS, Other**

How To Register

Online: ce.TexasHealth.org

- Log in/create an account
- Search for **"17 Annual Critical Care Conference"**
- Click Register - Take Course
- Complete Registration



You will receive a confirmation email. If you don't receive a confirmation email, please verify your email address.

For Additional Information



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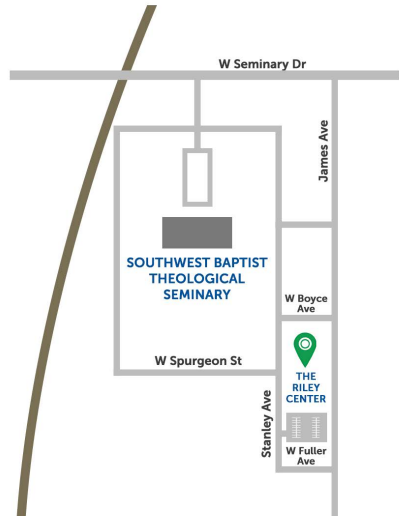
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Location

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CANCELLATION

If you registered but cannot attend, you may submit a written request for refund of the registration fee (less \$10 administrative fee). Requests must be received by **Friday, May 15th, 2026**. No refunds will be issued after this date. There is no charge for a substitute registrant. In the event of conference cancellation, notification will be given two weeks in advance of the conference and the fee fully refunded.