

Dear Fellow Anesthesia Critical Care Program Directors,

We're proud to announce the opening of a new anesthesiology critical care fellowship here at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio (UTHSCSA). We've developed a program that leads the fellows to clinical experiences at several sites within San Antonio including the adjoining University Hospital (UH), the adjacent Audie L. Murphy Memorial Veteran's Hospital, The San Antonio Military Medical Center (SAMMC) at Fort Sam Houston, and Christus Santa Rosa Children's Hospital. The sites and rotations provide experiences in the care of surgical, trauma, burn, cardiothoracic, pediatric, and medical intensive care unit patients. We're also offering an elective experience in transesophageal echocardiography (TEE).

A foundational element of our program is its integration into the Trauma Institute of San Antonio (TRISAT) Educational Consortium which is comprised of four adult critical care fellowships programs (<http://www.surgery.uthscsa.edu/trisat/education.asp>). The Consortium develops and administers components of the integrated schedules and curriculum across the four critical care fellowship programs.

The program has a solid didactic schedule that is composed of a structured, twice-per-week conference series which is broadcasted to SAMMC and UH, a defined reading compendium, journal clubs, and formal instruction in research and appraisal of the literature. As an adjunct to program didactics, the fellows are afforded time and resources to attend the Society of Critical Care Medicine's Annual Congress.

The research portion of the fellowship involves dedicated research didactics, and it encourages the fellow to complete a project worthy of peer-reviewed journal submission. Integral to the curriculum, fellows complete a two-week course entitled, "Introduction to Clinical Investigation" which is presented by the Institute for the Integration of Medicine and Science/Clinical-Translational Research Education Office at UTHSCSA. This course introduces fellows to basic principles in study design, research methods biostatistical techniques, the ethical principles underlying the conduct of research, and grantmanship pertinent to clinical and translational science research.

I believe our program offers an outstanding opportunity for fellows to train and excel. Also, San Antonio is a wonderful city in which to live, work, and raise a family. I would encourage you to direct qualified applicants who are interested in moving to the great state of Texas to contact me at venticinque@uthscsa.edu, or our Program Coordinator, Candy Beckingham, beckinghamr@uthscsa.edu. We can also be reached by telephone at (210) 567-6137.

With Warmest Regards,

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