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### **FAIRFIELD MEDICAL CENTER DOCTOR BOARD CERTIFIED THROUGH SOCIETY OF CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE**

**LANCASTER, Ohio (July 31, 2009)** – It is with great pleasure that Fairfield Medical Center announces the re-credentialing of Dr. Christopher Ryckman by the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM). This is a 10-year certification and the third time Dr. Ryckman has been certified; he is also board certified in pulmonary, sleep, and internal medicine.



Dr. Ryckman receives ongoing education to provide patients with up-to-date care in the Intensive Care Unit, he commented, “Critical illness requires a unique type of medical management, it is fast paced and from day to day there are huge fluctuations in the patients’ condition. It is an emotional rollercoaster for patients, family members, and staff. In the Intensive Care Unit we work together to ensure each patient receives the best care possible. The role of a board certified critical care physician is to provide leadership in the intensive care unit and make quick, appropriate decisions for the overall well being of our patients.”

The SCCM includes a diverse group of highly trained medical professionals who provide care in specialized care units and work toward the best outcome possible for seriously ill patients. It is the largest multiprofessional organization dedicated to ensuring excellence and consistency in the practice of critical care. With 14,000 members in 80 countries, SCCM is the only organization that represents all professional components of the critical care team.

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