

# NPGO BLAST

February 1, 2024

## UVA Nursing Practice Updates

[Click here](#) to read the full updates, and print & post for your practice area!

### Headlines:

Specialty WOC Supplies Centralized in 5th Floor Equipment Depot

Vial2Bag Micafungin 100 mg Doses

Scripting: Use Normal Saline Flushes for Central Line Patency

Urine Specimen Reminders

Upcoming Pyxis Downtimes 2/6 through 3/8

Past editions are available on the [NPGO Practice News](#) website.

## Champion Resources

Champion Resources & Weekly Updates [here](#).

## Blast Question

The catchphrase going around currently is 'Patient Ready *IS* Survey Ready'. What Survey window is currently open for the hospital, which we are ensuring we are prepared for?

Enter your answer [here](#).

Participants who provide the correct answer will be selected randomly to receive a swag bag hand-delivered by the NPGO Presidents!

## Professional Development

### If you missed the January Nursing Scientific Series: Professional Accountability

Please take the time to review the slides and the video from January 18<sup>th</sup>'s Scientific Series sponsored by our ACNO, Veronica Brill. Associate Vice President of Medicine, Behavioral and Emergency Services at Rush University Medical Center **Rachel Start**, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN is a champion for professional governance, as well as the evolution of nursing practice in the ambulatory environment. Her engagement and leadership of initiatives within state, national, and international organizations has been driven by a desire to see nursing realize its full contribution across settings.

[Video](#) | [Slide Presentation](#) | [Speed Watchers Guide](#)

### UVA Schwartz Center Rounds: What is a Beloved Community

Use this [link](#) to register and read details about this 1-hour program on **February 16 from 1200-1300** sponsored by The University of Virginia School of Medicine and School of Nursing. An *interprofessional* panel-based discussions will allow health care providers to reflect and share about how they are

affected by their work. The goal of the program is to foster and support empathy, collaboration and compassion for self and others. *1.0 Contact Hours Available*

## Nursing Updates

### You're Invited – UVA Nursing Town Hall

Our CNO Kathy Baker and ACNOs Veronica Brill & Karin Skeen invite you to participate in the Winter Nursing Town Hall for UVA Registered Nurses! [Click here](#) to RSVP and submit your questions for the Q&A by the 19<sup>th</sup> (have DUO ready).

**When:** Thursday, February 22, 1600-1700

**Where:** Education Resource Center Meeting Room B or via [WebEx link](#)

### 2024 Annual Certification Bonus & Updated Certification Resources

The deadline for the Annual \$300 Certification Bonus is this month – **Thursday, February 29, 2024 @ 23:59**. Be sure to **VERIFY** or **ENTER** your information so that it is accurate, up-to-date and approved by your manager by the deadline to be eligible to receive the annual bonus on March 22.

- [Click here](#) for details and eligibility
- Follow these **STEP-BY-STEP instructions** to verify or add your certification and expiration date in Workday
  - Remember: Do NOT free-type in your certification

**Interested in becoming certified?** Check out the *UPDATED* information and resources at [www.uvacertifiednurse.com](http://www.uvacertifiednurse.com) for more information on free online review courses, funding and recognition opportunities, along with [Certification Champion Ideas](#) shared by UVA Nurses.

### Submit a Nomination for the 2024 Nursing Excellence Awards

It's time to recognize all the wonderful things your colleagues have done over the past year! Read through the [criteria and eligibility requirements](#) and consider nominating one or more of your well-deserved peers for these honors. Nominations will close on Thursday, February 22 at 2359 - don't miss this opportunity! You may also [print this flier](#) to promote in your practice area.

**This year's categories include:**

- Beginning Practitioner of the Year
- Exemplary Clinical Practice
- Excellence in Relationship-Based Caring
- Excellence in Advanced Practice Nursing
- Excellence in Knowledge Development and Expansion
- Licensed Practical Nurse of the Year
- Nurse of Distinction
- Preceptor of the Year
- Transformational Leader
- Excellence in Interprofessional Collaboration
- Exemplary Resident / Fellow Physician

### Writing Tips

- Nominations *must* be at least 300 words.
- There must be at least one example per criterion to be considered.

- Make sure your nominee fits the eligibility requirements listed at the top of the page so the nomination isn't disqualified. You can check out the helpful eligibility grid by clicking [here](#).

[Click here to submit a nomination.](#)

## Clinical Ladder

### February 2024 Cycle Information

- 02/05: Applications due!
- 02/21: Interviews
- 02/26: Final decision notifications to successful applicants.
- 03/03: Effective date of advancement for successful applicants.

### March 2024 Cycle Information

- 02/10: "[Preparation for Advancement on the NPGO CCL](#)" Class for Applicants and Managers
- 03/04: Applications due!
- 03/20: Interviews
- 03/25: Final decision notifications to successful applicants.
- 03/31: Effective date of advancement for successful applicants

### General Announcements

- Updates to the Applicant class offerings for February, April, June, August, and October 2024 have been posted in Workday. Based on feedback, the times for these offerings have been adjusted. | [Click here](#) to enroll

## Announcements

### Document Management Improvement Updates: PolicyTech

The Accreditation Department wants to thank team members for your many contributions over the past year to support the successful launch of PolicyTech. We've included a recent [Connect Article](#) that highlights some of the work which has gone into this improvement process. It also includes a [Tip Sheet](#) to assist with your searches!

### 2024 Spark Innovation Competition

Think of the last time you said, "What if" or "If only."

Share those thoughts and ideas through Spark. This competition has a focus on our **research environment**. We want to hear ideas from every part of the health system, disrupt the norm and create positive change. [Click Here to Learn More!](#)

### Team Wellbeing Check-Ins | Check-ups for Your Mental Health

Interested in offering *individual and confidential* 30-minute mental health check-ins to your team? FEAP is available to discuss a variety of topics, including personal, professional, financial, etc.. Learn more about this **free Wellbeing Outreach Program** by [clicking here](#). This is great tool to support your team and promote self-care in a holistic way.

Interested? Email [NPGO@uvahealth.org](mailto:NPGO@uvahealth.org) to set up a brief meeting to create a plan for your team!

## Recognition

### Congratulations!

**Dana Corriere**, RN Clinician 3, Cardiac Catheterization Lab received Registered Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist Certification, RCIS.

**Christina Mohl**, RN Clinician 3, Cardiac Catheterization Lab received Registered Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist Certification, RCIS.

**Emily Hennessy** RN, Clinician 2, Cardiac Catheterization Lab received Cardiac Vascular Nursing Certification, CV-BC.

**Mary Shank**, RN Clinician 4, Electrophysiology received Cardiac Device Specialist Certification, CCDS.

### **Clinical Ladder advancements**

Congratulations to our first advancees of 2024!! Effective date of advancements is 2/4/2024. January 2024 Advancees with their new titles are listed below:

- **Laura Zehr**, RN Clinician 3, Cardiac Cath Lab
- **Alexandra Sloane**, RN Clinician 3, Vascular Access Team
- **Logan Iseli Jabs**, RN Clinician 3, 4 West
- **Brittany Dunn**, RN Clinician 4, Acute Care Pediatrics, Inpatient (7 Acute)

**Amy Jordan**, BSN, RN PMGT-BC  
Clinician 4 | Off-Site Anesthesia  
2024 NPGO President

**Danita Massie**, MSN, RN, CNL  
Clinician 4 | Interventional Radiology  
2024 NPGO President-Elect

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