

NPGO BLAST

March 14, 2024

UVA Nursing Practice Updates

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

Headlines:

Pain Policy - Reassessment Clarifications
New Suicide Prevention Policy In Effect March 26th
SAVE Website Updates
March Edition - Ambulatory Clinical Practice Newsletter
Resta Cream - Shortage Resolved
New Model of MTP Cooler
3/19 Vancomycin Changes: Vial2Bag; Bell-Bag; IV Base Solution
Refrigerator/Freezer Temperature Log Reminders
16Fr Temperature Sensing Foley Catheter Kits - Substitute Product

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

Champion Resources

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

Calling All RN Certification Champions!

Sign-up for the **Spring Certification Champion Boot Camps**. Champions, Local Chairs and other local leaders are welcome to attend! Check out www.uvacertifiednurse.com for details and a [flyer](#) to print/post. [Click here](#) to sign-up. Thank you to the NPGO Professional Development Committee for providing these interactive workshops!

- **Thursday, March 21, 1700-1900**, Education Resource Center Rm. B or via WebEx
- **Thursday, April 4, 0800-1000**, Education Resource Center Rm. B or via WebEx

Blast Answer

Congratulations to last week's Blast winner, **Doug Wood, RN Clinician 4**, Medical Emergency Team.

Last week we asked the following: What levels of our Clinical Ladder require proof of certification as a qualification for advancement?

The Answer: RN Clinician 3 and RN Clinician 4

Professional Development

Virginia Nurse's Association Local Chapter Scholarship Information

Use this [link](#) to access information on scholarship opportunities. Applications open until April 1, 2024. *Remember when accessing links on VNA's website, they are only accessible when not connected to UVA's Wi-Fi/network.*

SAVE THE DATE: 2024 VNA & VNF Spring Conference

Are you ready to transform nursing? Join the Virginia Nurses Association virtually at the Re-Engage conference on April 24-25, 2024, where they are bringing together the brightest minds and passionate leaders to explore the future of nursing practice and academia! **We have partnered with VNA to give the opportunity for all nurses to attend at no cost, and earn up to 10.5 contact hours.** Get ready for a transformative experience as they address workforce challenges, examine best practices, reignite your passion for nursing, and revolutionize practice.

>>> Click [here](#) for more information.

UVA School of Nursing: Conference Offering

2024 Protecting Health in a Changing Climate: *Rising Heat and Health in Virginia*
Saturday, April 13, 2024 0800-1500

Location: UVA School of Nursing (225 Jeanette Lancaster Way, Charlottesville, VA) or via Zoom

Use the linked [flier](#) for registration information.

Nursing Updates

TONIGHT! Join us for the NPGO Night Shift Committee Meeting

We hope to see many of you **tonight** from **0200-0300** in the Medical Center Board Room for the **March NSC meeting**. Light refreshments will be provided to celebrate Pi Day. A [WebEx link](#) is also available for team members to actively engage in the discussion.

Want to learn more? Share the [March NSC Flyer](#), watch this [2-minute video](#) created by the 2024 NSC Vice Chair, and be sure to [sign up](#) to receive information about monthly night shift meetings and happenings.

Recognizing Night Shifters! The committee is excited to celebrate you at an upcoming meeting. [Please use this survey](#) to share your recent professional achievements, such as new certifications, promotions, new responsibilities, degrees and more!

2024 National Nurses Week Celebrations – Save the Dates!

National Nurses Week kicks off Saturday May 6 and ends May 12. Check out www.UVANursesWeek.com for your one-stop-shop for information, as we will continue sharing activities and events in the coming weeks.

Be sure to save the dates and consider joining us at these special Nurses Week events – see details below. We are excited to celebrate with you!

2024 Evidence-Based Practice Symposium

Monday, May 6, 0900-1600 at UVA North Fork Discovery Park.

The Center of Nursing Excellence proudly announces the 2024 EBP Symposium as part of the 2024 National Nurses Week celebrations. Join us for a day of evidence-based practice learnings and special features highlighting nurses from across the Medical Center who are conducting evidence-based practice projects that are leading to critical practice changes and better patient outcomes!

[Click here](#) to learn more and **[register in Workday](#)** today. Contact hours and lunch provided.

24th Annual Nursing Excellence Award Ceremony

Save the date for **Wednesday, May 8, 1600-1900** for the *24th Annual Nursing Excellence Award Ceremony* hosted offsite at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel. More event details coming soon.

Celebrating National Certified Nurses Day on March 19

39.92% of eligible UVA RNs Hold a Professional Board Certification! Thank you to the **1164** UVA Nurses for your professional commitment to become certified and maintain it year after year!

If you're interested in becoming certified, check out the **[NPGO Certification webpage](#)** to learn about the variety of resources to support you in this professional achievement.

Recognition

Congratulations!

DAISY Award Recipients – February

- **Samantha Simmons**, RN Clinician 2, Dermatology Clinic
- **Amanda Fohner**, RN Clinician 1, 3 West

Clinical Ladder Advancements

The March 7th Blast recognition of February cycle advancees incorrectly listed the Cardiac Cath Lab as the work area for two team members. Apologies for any confusion. Please see corrections below.

- **Sarabeth Kerr**, Electrophysiology Lab, RN Clinician 4
- **Anna Streeter**, Device Clinic, RN Clinician 4

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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