

NPGO BLAST

April 11, 2024

UVA Nursing Practice Updates

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

Headlines:

Cortrak Small Bore Feeding Tube Super User Training 4/17-4/19

Controlled Substance Medication Waste Containers

CMS Now Requires Social Determinants of Health Screening

Regulatory Readiness: Interacting with Surveyors

Focused Reassessment: Go-Live Week of April 15th

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

Champion Resources

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

Blast Answer

Congratulations to last week's Blast winner: **Amy Olinger**, RN Clinician 3, Main Operating Room. We had over 65 submissions to the Blast question last week, thank you so much!

Last week we asked the following: What spring Conference do all UVA Nurses have access to attend and gain up to 10.5 contact hours?

The Answer: 2024 VNA & VNF Spring Conference: Re-Engage- Reigniting Passion, Revolutionizing Practice

Professional Development

2024 VNA & VNF Spring Re-Engage Conference | April 24-25, 2024

We have partnered with the Virginia Nurses Association to give the opportunity for **ALL UVA nurses to attend virtually at NO cost and earn up to 10.5 contact hours.**

>>> **No need to register.** To access on April 24 and 25, [click here](#). (Please note the conference livestream will not be available until April 24). Following the conference, the CE evaluation will be available through this link.

UVA School of Nursing: Conference Offering

2024 Protecting Health in a Changing Climate: *Rising Heat and Health in Virginia*

Date: Saturday, April 13, 2024

Time: 0800-1500

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

Registration: [Click here](#) for registration information.

UVA's 2024 Advanced Practice Conference

Advancing Professional Growth, Education, and Excellence (APOGEE): Expanding Excellence in Advanced Practice Across the Continuum

Dates: October 10-11, 2024

Time: 0700-1700

Location: UVA Newcomb Hall, 180 McCormick Road, Charlottesville, VA

Registration: [Click here](#) to register for the conference and learn more.

Nursing Updates

2024 National Nurses Week Coming Soon!

Check out the 2024 National Nurses Week celebrations happening here at the University Medical Center. Go to www.uvanursesweek.com to learn about the special events happening and various opportunities for you to participate in.

2024 Calendar of Events | [Click here](#)

EBP Symposium | [Click here](#) to learn more and join the waiting list for this SOLD-OUT event being held **Monday, May 6, 0900-1600** at UVA North Fork Research Park.

Annual Nursing Excellence Awards Ceremony | [Click here](#) to see the list of nominees and register to attend on **Wednesday, May 8, 1600-1900** at DoubleTree Hotel.

Nurses Week Drop-In Celebration | Swing by, grab a treat, and celebrate all the accomplishments you have achieved over the past year! Refreshments, photo booth, and more! **Thursday, May 9, 0600-0900 and 1700-2000** in the Dining Conference Rooms. No registration required and no invitation required – all are welcome!

***NEW* Food Truck Friday |** Save the date! **Friday, May 10, 1030-1430** across from the Main Hospital Loading Dock. A wide variety of foods and treats will be available for purchase. [Click here to learn more](#) – menus coming soon!

Blessing of the Hands | Contact your department's Chaplain or email CHAPLAINCY@virginia.edu to schedule a special blessing with your colleagues throughout Nurses Month.

Late Nights at Higher Grounds | Purchase your late-night caffeine fix until 2am throughout Nurses Week.

Nightingale Notable Superlative Awards, Nurses Week Giveaways, UVA RN Legacy Hall of Fame, Rounding on and off campus throughout Nurses Month, and more! Stay tuned to the website for more details.

Next Week | NPGO Night Shift Committee Meeting

Join us at the April Night Shift Committee meeting, **early Friday morning on April 19, 0200-0300** in the Medical Center Board Room. **Kathleen Rea**, Clinical Nurse Specialist, will be joining us to discuss Level of Care Guideline work and the recent implementation of a Bedside Huddle.

- Get the details [by clicking here](#). Light refreshments are provided.
- Night Shifters – [Use this survey](#) to share your recent achievements, such as new certifications, promotions, degrees and more, so we can celebrate you!
- [Click here to sign up](#) to receive information about monthly night shift meetings and happenings.
- What to learn more? Watch this [short video](#) created by the 2024 NSC Vice Chair.

2024 Nursing Assistant Awards – Nomination Are Open!

It's time to recognize all the wonderful things your nursing assistant colleagues have done over the past year! The 2024 NPGO Nursing Assistant Awards nomination cycle is open. 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, May 9 at 2359 - don't miss this opportunity!

This year's award categories include:

- [Patient Care Technician of the Year](#)
- [Certified Nursing Assistant of the Year](#)
- [Certified Medical Assistant of the Year](#)
- [Specialty Technician of the Year](#)

Writing Tips

- Nominations *must* be at least 300 words.
- Make sure you don't just regurgitate the criteria – include examples! There must be at least one example per criterion to be considered.

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

If you have any questions about eligibility or need help with your nomination, email us at nngo@uvahealth.org.

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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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