

NPGO BLAST

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UVA Nursing Practice Updates

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

Headlines:

Updated Conservation Measures for IV Fluid Shortage

ALERT: VaPro Plus Catheter In-Service Recording Available – Prevent Detachment of the Protective Tip!

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

Champion Resources

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

Happy Thanksgiving

Danita and I are filled with gratitude and joy as we reflect back on just how much our UVA nursing team has achieved so far this year. We want to acknowledge this as we start the busy holiday season. For those of you traveling, be safe! For those of you cooking, enjoy the festivity! We hope you are able to spend time with family and friends, eat some good food, and reflect on the people and events in your life that have brought you joy over the year. And a special thank you to our team members who are working the holiday, sacrificing time away from family and friends to provide care to our patients and families. Happy Thanksgiving to you all!

Professional Development

Planning Ahead: 2025 Annual Nursing Certification Bonus

The deadline to ensure your active Professional Board certification is entered and verified into Workday, the expiration date is correct, AND everything is approved by your manager for the Annual Certification Bonus is **Friday, February 28, 2025 @ 2359**.

- Details and eligibility for the bonus are available [here](#).
- Eligible professional board certifications can be found [here](#).
- Make a plan to get certified using the resources and info on the [NPGO Certification webpage](#).

Important Resource for You, Your Patients, and Your Families

Did you know that the [Blue Ridge Poison Center](#) is a critical part of our UVA Health Emergency Services team? Stay up-to-date with their newsletters, [The Antidote](#), and [ToxTalks](#)! And be sure to check out these [common poisoning myths](#)!

Holiday drawing! [Sign up](#) to join the BRPC's newsletter mailing list. On January 10, five randomly selected team members will win a \$20 Amazon gift card.

Clinical Ladder

The [Calendar for 2025](#) Clinical Career Ladder dates is posted. The calendar includes dates for preparation classes ([enroll](#) in Workday), application deadlines, and interviews.

Congratulations to the following clinicians who recently achieved advancement on the NPGO Nursing Clinical Career Ladder during the November 2024 cycle!

Advanced to Clinician 3

- **Ricardo Diaz**, CVICU
- **Dianna Hays**, Emergency Department
- **Catoria Jefferson**, STICU
- **Zeljana “Ana” Jokic**, Cardiac Transition Unit
- **Wynifred McKenzie**, Emily Couric Clinical Cancer Center. Infusion Center
- **Gail Owens**, WOC Team
- **Jasmyn Powers**, STICU
- **Heather Taylor**, NNICU
- **Meg Wightman**, Augusta Oncology Clinic
- **Kaitlyn Williams**, Emily Couric Clinical Cancer Center. Infusion Center

Advanced to Clinician 4

- **Virginia Anderson**, Radiology Nursing
- **Angela Wharam**, Radiology Nursing

Recognition

Congratulations!

DAISY Award Recipients – November

- **Jordan Stamenkovski**, RN Clinician 2, Acute Cardiology
- **Petter Norrlof**, RN Clinician 3, Wound Ostomy Care

BEE Award Recipients – November

- **Alexander Wilson**, Occupational Therapist Clinician 3, Occupational Therapy
- **Garry Gellert**, Physical Therapist Clinician 4, Physical Therapy

Certifications

- **Melody Defibaugh**, RN Clinician 2, OPSC PACU, obtained her CPAN certification.
- **Ashley Preusser**, RN Clinician 2, OPSC PACU, obtained her CPAN certification.
- **Deanna Pototschnik**, Nursing Professional Development Specialist, obtained her NPD-BC certification.

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

Danita Massie, MSN, RN, CNL
Clinician 4 | Cardiac Transition Unit
2024 NPGO President-Elect

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