

NPGO BLAST

January 16, 2025

UVA Nursing Practice Updates

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

Headlines:

Back Order: Gravity Blood Filter Tubing

New Non-Formulary Entries in Alaris Infusion Pumps

Primary Care: Patients Can Submit E-Visits Starting Jan. 14th

Patient Safety Moment: Patient Identification

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

Magnet Minute

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ANCC Magnet Recognition® is an honor reserved for organizations that demonstrate commitment to transformational leadership, structural empowerment, exemplary professional practice, and new knowledge and innovation. As a Magnet-recognized organization, UVA Health University Medical Center nurses achieve excellence in these areas by leveraging our Nursing Care Delivery Model of **Relationship-Based Care**, shown at the center of our Professional Practice Model.



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Provide one example, with supporting evidence, of a Nurse AVP's/Nurse Director's advocacy for resources to support an organizational goal.

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Implementation of the Trauma Response Nurse Role

Inpatient Nurse Director Alison Okerlund sought to improve the care of the critically ill Alpha Trauma patient, who often requires intensive stabilization care and diagnostics during the Emergency Dept (ED) phase of care. In May 2022, Alison led an interdisciplinary team to create the TRN role, comprised of a STICU RN who responds to Alpha Trauma alerts.

Alison collaborated with Jess Alford, STICU Nurse Manager, and many other clinical nurses and interdisciplinary team members. They were successful in adding 0.06 FTE to the STICU staffing grid to support the new role. After a pilot phase, the team covered >70% of Alpha Trauma alerts with a TRN, and measured a 19 minute total decrease in ED Dwell Time for Alpha Trauma patients. This improvement was sustained, and the team saw a 35.5 minute reduction in 2023 average ED Dwell Times.



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Blast Answer

Congratulations to **Kelly Shifflett**, RN Care Coordinator, UVA Primary and Specialty Care Pantops, who correctly answered last week's Blast question. The question was "Next week, nominations will open for ANYONE to submit nominees for several awards. What is the name of those awards?" The answer is The Nursing Excellence Awards- see below for more information!

Professional Development

Nursing Excellence Awards

It's time to recognize all the wonderful things your colleagues have done over the past year! The **2025 NPGO Nursing Excellence Awards** nomination cycle is open now until Thursday, February 27 at 2359.

Review the **criteria and eligibility requirements** and consider nominating one or more of your well-deserved peers for these honors. Don't miss this opportunity!

You may **print this flier** to promote nominations in your practice area.

Here are the requirements for writing your nomination:

- 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 in order to be considered as a nominee. . Use this helpful eligibility grid.

Professional Board Certification Resources

Virtual Networking Event for Certification Champions | Tuesday, February 4, 1200-1300 via WebEx.

Click here to download a calendar planner.

Are you ready for the 2025 Annual Nursing Certification Bonus?

Take a moment to confirm that your *active* Professional Board certification is *entered* and *verified* into Workday, the expiration date is correct, AND everything is approved by your manager. This must be

completed by **Friday, February 28, 2025 at 2359** for the **\$500** Annual Certification Bonus. Details and eligibility for the bonus are available [here](#).

Heart Failure Symposium

Join your fellow nurses, APPs, and other caregivers of patients diagnosed with heart failure for a Feb. 22 hybrid conference at UVA and via Zoom. **Click here** to register by Feb. 16. The program offers 6 CE credits through UVA Health and UVA School of Nursing Continuing Education.

The day-long workshop will teach participants everything from understanding how inflammatory disease contributes to heart failure to how to use electrophysiology device management, and monitoring for awareness on heart failure and volume management.

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 January Night Shift Committee meeting. We will have a Magnet Site Presentation and also review Operational Guidelines and Champion Roles & Responsibilities.

Light refreshments will be provided. For those unable to attend in person, a [WebEx link](#) is also available for team members to actively engage in the discussion. Print and share the January NSC Flyer linked [here](#). Click [here](#) to sign up to receive information about monthly night shift meetings and happenings.

Celebrating Our Nurse Preceptors

Preceptors are invited to attend the **Preceptor Appreciation Breakfast** being held Friday, January 24, 0800-1000, at Northridge. Please use [this link](#) to RSVP. Questions? Email NPDServices@uvahealth.org. We look forward to celebrating you and the impact you make!

Recognition

Michael Crothers, RN Clinician 3, Fontaine F500 Stress Lab, obtained his RN AMB-C certification.

Danita Massie, MSN, RN, CNL
Clinician 4 | Cardiac Transition Unit
2025 NPGO President

Clara Winfield, MSN, RN, CAPA, CNL
Clinician 4 | Outpatient Sgy. Ctr. (OPSC)
2025 NPGO President-elect

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