

NPGO BLAST

February 20, 2025

UVA Nursing Practice Updates

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

Headlines

IV Fluid Shortage Update

Patient Safety Moment: 5 Rights of Medication Administration - Part 3: The Right DRUG

Patients Using Their Home Medications During Admission

Product Safety Alert: BD Universal Viral Transport Swabs

Universal Vent Box Updates - Starting March 3rd

Safety Verification When Removing Blood Products from the Tube Station

Fast Blood & Massive Transfusion Protocol Administration & Documentation

Documenting "Suspected Transfusion Reactions" in Epic

No *Practice News* Edition Next Week 2/27

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

Magnet Minute

Next week is our Magnet Site Visit! We are excited for you to share your past achievements, current projects, and goals for the year ahead with the four Magnet Appraisers throughout the week. They are very excited to hear from you!

Important resources:

- **Additional virtual prep sessions** have been added to the schedule for **Friday, Feb. 21**. Information and zoom links available [here](#).
- Review the 4-day [site visit agenda](#)
 - If you do not know the location of your session, please ask your leader! Wayfinding signs will also be available.
- Review the Prep Tools and Practice Questions [available here](#). Sometimes it takes practice to brag about your work!
- Use the search bar in the top right and find stories featuring your colleagues, departments, and topics of interest in the [2024 Magnet Document](#).
- Explore the resources available on our Magnet Info & Resources [website](#).

We look forward to hearing about your experiences throughout the week!

Please note, there will not be a NPGO Blast next Thursday, as we will be providing regular updates throughout the site visit.

Magnet Minute

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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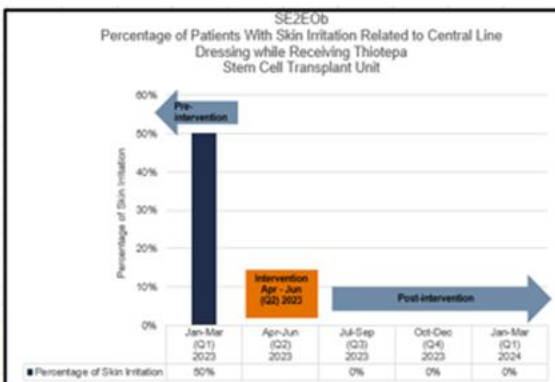
Provide one example of an improved outcome associated with the application of nursing standards of practice implemented due to a clinical nurse's(s') participation in a nursing professional organization.



Magnet Minute

Improving Thiotepe-Related Skin Irritation in the SCTU

Clinical Nurse Specialist, Tanya Thomas, is an actively participating member of the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS), and has led or supported development of patient education content, review of EBP recommendations, and developed guidelines for extravasation. Tanya leveraged her connections to ONS to seek guidance on management of skin care for patients receiving Thiotepe in the SCTU. Thiotepe is primarily excreted through the skin and can cause irritation. For this work, she collaborated with Paula Edwards, Clinician 3 and Paul Yoder, Clinician 4.



Tanya, Paula and Paul learned that patients in the SCTU were showering more frequently than necessary with complete linen and dressing changes after each shower. Additionally, they discovered that central line dressings for patients receiving Thiotepe were not standard and the amount of skin covered varied. Together, they revised the Standard Operating Procedure for care of these patients, including changing the frequency of showering and a standardized process for central line dressings. They also updated relevant patient education and trained the SCTU team on the nursing practice revisions.



Professional Development

Annual Certification Bonus Deadline is Next Week!

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

Be sure to take a moment to **confirm** that your active Professional Board certification is **entered and verified** in Workday, the expiration date is correct, AND everything is approved by your manager.

Nursing Updates

TONIGHT! Join us for the NPGO Night Shift Committee Meeting

We hope to see you tonight from 0200 – 0300 in the Medical Center Board Room for the February Night Shift Committee meeting. Light refreshments will be provided! For those unable to attend in person, a [Zoom link](#) is also available for team members to actively engage in the discussion. Print and share the February NSC Flyer linked [here](#). Want to receive information about monthly meetings and happenings? Click [here](#) to sign up!

2025 National Nurses Week Celebrations – Save the Dates!

The Planning Workgroup is well underway to offer activities and events to celebrate National Nurses Week, which kicks off Tuesday, May 6 and ends Monday, May 12, which is Florence Nightingale's birthday and recognized as International Nurses Day.

A number of **save the dates** and **registration details** are available on the [Nurses Week webpage](#) and noted below. Additional information will be shared in the coming weeks, so stay tuned!

2025 Evidence-Based Practice Symposium

The Center of Nursing Excellence proudly announces the **2025 EBP Symposium**. Join us for a day of evidence-based practice, and hear about nurses from across the University Medical Center conducting evidence-based practice projects that are leading to critical practice changes and better patient outcomes! Contact hours and lunch will be provided.

When: Tuesday, May 6

Where: UVA North Fork Discovery Park

Registration: [Click here](#) to register in Workday

25th Annual Nursing Excellence Award Ceremony

We are excited to recognize UVA Health University Medical Center's extraordinary nominees at the *25th Annual Nursing Excellence Award Ceremony*. More details coming soon!

When: Thursday, May 8

Where: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel

Only ONE WEEK remaining for 2025 Nursing Excellence Awards nominations!

Be sure to submit a nomination for your peer by **February 27 at 2359**.

[Submit a nomination](#) | [Print/Post Flier](#) | [Eligibility Grid](#)

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

Recognition

Certification Celebration!

Ginny Witman, RN Clinician 2, Pediatric ICU, obtained her CCRN.

Megan Stephens, Ambulatory Charge Nurse, OCIR Orange Floor, obtained her AMB-BC.

Andrew Campbell, RN Clinician 3, NNICU, obtained his CCRN.

Noah Cook, RN Clinician 2, Emergency Department, obtained his CEN.

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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