

NPGO BLAST

April 10, 2025

UVA Nursing Practice Updates

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

Headlines:

PCA Pump Panel Updates Coming 4/22

Patient Safety Moment: Transfusion Safety – Part 2: Steps for Blood Product Release

Nurses: Help Improve Epic – Share Your Feedback in the Epic Experience Survey!

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

Champion Resources

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

Professional Development

Nurse Leader Development Program Opportunity

The next offering of the Nurse Leader Development Program begins June 4, 2025. This eight-class series is crafted to elevate the leadership acumen and professional capabilities of formal nurse leaders. The program is now available to all Nursing Directors, Nurse Managers, Assistant Nurse Managers, and Charge Nurses.

Interested? Please visit the [Leadership Development - Nursing Center for Excellence](#) website for more information and contact deg2j@uvahealth.org to enroll in the summer cohort!

Additional Professional Development Opportunities

“Speaking Up About Meaningful Work: Navigating Its Power and Pitfalls” with Andrew Soren. Hosted by CCI Learning Series & Medical Center Hour. Click [here](#) for information.

When: Monday, April 14, 1200-1300

Where: Pinn Hall Conference Center Auditorium and Zoom

“Redesigning the U.S.’s Broken Health System: The Nursing Profession’s Role in Ending Unequal Treatment” with Vincent Guilamo-Ramos PhD, MPH, LCSW, RN, ANP-BC, PMHNP-BC, FAAN as the 2025 McGehee Lecturer. Hosted by UVA School of Nursing. Click [here](#) for information.

When: Wednesday, April 16, 1200-1300

Where: Pinn Hall Conference Center Auditorium and Zoom

Call for Applications: Sigma Beta Kappa Membership

Applications are now open for membership in Beta Kappa, a chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, the only international honor society of nursing! The mission of Sigma Beta Kappa is to foster excellence, scholarship, and leadership in nursing to improve healthcare worldwide. Join a prestigious global network of over 100,000 nurse leaders, dedicated to advancing excellence in nursing. [Apply today!](#)

Please contact [Malinda Whitlow](#) for more information.

Nursing Updates

Announcing 2025 National Nurses Week Events and Activities

Explore the 2025 National Nurses Week celebrations happening here at the University Medical Center May 6-12. Go to uvanursesweek.com to learn about the special events and various opportunities for you to participate in.

2025 Nurses Week Flyer | [Click here](#)

UVA SON Preceptor Appreciation Day | Drop by the Dining Conference Rooms 2 & 3 Monday, May 5, 0700-1300.

EBP Symposium | [Click here](#) to learn more and grab one of the 20 remaining seats! This event is being held **Tuesday, May 6, 0900-1530** at UVA North Fork Research Park.

Nurses Week Drop-In Celebrations | Swing by, grab a treat, and celebrate all the accomplishments you have achieved over the past year! Refreshments, photo booth, and more! **Wednesday, May 7, 1700-2000** and **Saturday, May 10, 0600-0900** and in the Dining Conference Rooms. No registration required and no invitation required – all are welcome!

Annual Nursing Excellence Awards Ceremony | See information below for this special recognition event!

Food Truck Friday | Save the date! **Friday, May 9, 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 and see the menus.

Blessing of the Hands | Contact your department's Chaplain or email chaplaincy@uvahealth.org 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, Nurse Legacy Hall of Fame, Virtual Scavenger Hunt, Rounding on and off main grounds throughout Nurses Month, and more! Check out uvanursesweek.com.

25th Annual Nursing Excellence Award Ceremony

Please join us **Thursday, May 8th from 1600-1900** for the *25th Annual Nursing Excellence Award Ceremony* hosted at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel. For more information and to RSVP for the event, please visit our [website](#). All UVA Health University Medical Center team members are welcome to attend!

We are excited to recognize University Medical Center's extraordinary nominees for their dedication to the nursing profession and for setting an inspiring example of professional practice and collaboration. This year, we had **over 150 nominees** across 11 award categories. The **list of the 2025 award nominees** can be found [here](#). If you see any of the nominees, please join us in congratulating them!

Next Week | NPGO Night Shift Committee Meeting

Join us at the next Night Shift Committee meeting, early Friday morning **April 18, 0200-0300** in the Medical Center Board Room. Guest speakers from NPDS and the nursing leadership team will be discussing the **TSAM methodology**, which will be instituted house-wide throughout the next fiscal year for orienting new team members. Want to know more about our monthly night shift meetings and happenings? Click [here](#) to sign up.

Share your recent professional accomplishments using this [link](#) to be recognized at an upcoming meeting - we want to celebrate with you!

2025 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! Review the NPGO Nursing Assistant Awards [criteria and eligibility requirements](#) and consider nominating one or more of your well-deserved peers. The award categories are:

- 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 restate the criteria – include specific examples! There must be at least one example per criterion to be considered.

Nominations close Thursday, May 8 at 2359 - don't miss this opportunity! If you have any questions about eligibility or need assistance, email nngo@uvahealth.org.

Blast Answer

Congratulations to **Sarah Lourenzo**, RN Clinician 3, Radiology Nursing, who correctly answered last week's Blast question:

Supported by our Nursing Leadership, all UVA nurses have the opportunity to attend the 2025 VNA Spring Conference (held virtually) free of cost. What is the title of this conference?

The answer to which is "Empowering the Nurse"!

Recognition

Certification Celebration!

- **Colleen Di Cesare**, RN Clinician 3, Employee Health, received her COHN certification.
- **Drew Gogian**, Lead, Nursing Professional Development Services, obtained her NPD-BC 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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