

# NPGO BLAST

April 24, 2025

## UVA Nursing Practice Updates

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

### Headlines:

Patient Safety Moment: Transfusion Safety - Part 4: Blood Product Administration  
Cardiac Monitoring Unit (CMU) - Epic Documentation Go-Live 5/1  
Practice Change: Removal of Yellow Armbands as a Fall Risk Indicator  
Substitute Product - Adult Central Line Dressing Change Kit  
Team Member Safety Reminder

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

## Champion Resources

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

## Nursing Updates

### 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](http://uvanursesweek.com) to learn about the special events and various opportunities for participation.

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

[25<sup>th</sup> Annual Nursing Excellence Award Ceremony](#) | Congratulations to the more than [150 nominees!](#)  
Click [here](#) for more information and to RVSP for the event.

[EBP Symposium](#) | [Click here](#) to learn more and grab one of the few remaining seats!

[Film Screening - American Delivery](#) | Join colleagues for the film *American Delivery: Solving the Maternal Mortality Crisis in U.S. Healthcare*, followed by a panel discussion moderated by Pamela Cipriano, president of the International Council of Nurses, two-term president of American Nurses Association, and dean emerita. Free and open to the community. Click [here](#) to learn more about the event, being held **Tuesday, May 6, 1730-1930** in UVA SON's McLeod Auditorium.

### Learn More About Preventing Cross Contamination

Infection Prevention & Control is offering brief education sessions (20-30 minutes) for your unit or group for day and night shift, on standard procedures to prevent cross contamination. Please visit the [Infection Prevention and Control](#) webpage for more information or email [Ann Sidebottom](#) to schedule.

## Professional Development

### 2025 VNA & VNF Virtual Spring Conference on Demand

Thank you to our CNO Kathy Baker for her support of an all-access opportunity to the VNA/VNF Spring Conference! The live event may have passed but the on-demand content is now available to all UVA Health RNs! Click [here](#) to view *Empowering the Nurse* content via [their landing page](#). Remember to complete [the CE form](#)! These materials will be available through July 31, 2025.

## **Maternal Health Webinar Series**

Register now for a Maternal Health Webinar Series, hosted by the Virginia Nurses Foundation (VNF) and the Virginia Nurses Association (VNA)! In honor of Maternal Mental Health Awareness Month in May, this weekly webinar series is designed to elevate healthcare awareness and promote optimal maternal health across communities. Every Wednesday in May from 1200 - 1330. [Click here](#) for more information.

## **One Healthcare 2025 Eco Challenge**

The Sustainability Committee is hosting an Earth Day event called One Healthcare Eco Challenge 2025, which is now open for sign up! Join the One Healthcare Eco Challenge this April and show how University Medical Center promotes health, sustainability, and community well-being. All clinicians, staff, and students are welcome to join and begin taking actions big or small. Your actions matter! Click [here](#) for more information and to join.

## **“Dottie” – A Film About Dementia and Empathy**

Hosted by CCI Learning Series and presented by the Haney Consortium for Compassionate Care at the End of Life. Join for a screening of the [award-winning short film](#) and a post-panel discussion. Click [here](#) for more information.

**Option 1:** Tuesday, April 29, 1200-1300 at Sandridge Auditorium (lunch for first 50 attendees)

**Option 2:** Tuesday, April 29, 1730-1830 at The Center at Belvedere (Reception to follow)

## **Date Correction: Calling all Charge Nurses!**

HR Learning & Development is excited to offer a special *Tough Conversations* class just for you! This is a four-hour, in-person session designed to support you in navigating challenging workplace conversations with more confidence and skill. Effective conversations require clarity of motives, starting with your heart, separating facts from stories, and creating safety. With dialogue as your end goal, this class will help you create a script for how you will invite others to join you in conversation.

**When:** Tuesday, June 3, 1300-1700

**Where:** 2420 Old Ivy Road

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

## **Clinical Career Ladder**

### **Recent Advancements – April 2025**

Congratulations to the following clinicians who recently achieved advancement on the NPGO Nursing Clinical Career Ladder during the April 2025 cycle! Advancements are effective April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Advanced to Clinician 3

- Austyn Bessette, BSN, RN, C-EFM, VA-BC (Vascular Access Team)
- Sophia Boyd, BSN, RN, CPN (7 Acute)
- Moonkyu Choi, BSN, RN, CNOR (Main OR)
- Aleena Gula, MSN, RN, CNL, CCRN (PICU)
- Alyssa Johnston, BSN, RN, CPN (7 Acute)
- Antonio Lambio, BSN, RN, COHN (UVA Work Med)
- Toni Macklin, BSN, RN, C-EFM, RNC-OB (Labor & Delivery)
- Nancy Rojas, BSN, RN, CPAN (Pre Anesthesia Testing Clinic)
- Michaela Shobe, BSN, RN, CPN (7 Acute)
- Melissa “Missy” Stokes, BSN, RN, CGRN (Endoscopy)
- Cheryl Weems, BSN, RN, CNOR (OPSC-OR)

Advanced to Clinician 4

- **Samantha Loya**, BSN, RN, CCRN, CFRN (Medical Transport Network)
- **Holly Nicholson**, MSN, BS, RN, CCRN (PICU)

### **NPGO CCL Preparation Class – May 2025**

The next “**Preparation for Advancement on the NPGO Clinical Career Ladder**” will be May 14 from 1330 – 1500 in Classroom 4614. Enrollment in Workday is required.

## **Recognition**

### **Congratulations!**

**Amy Chenoweth**, Nursing Professional Development Services, and two others were recognized in C-ville Weekly for creating the Blue Ridge Action Team, a local chapter of Compassion & Choices, the country’s oldest and largest education and advocacy group around end of life care. Click [here](#) to read the entire article.

### **Certification Celebration**

**Amanda Titone**, RN Clinician 2, 4 East, obtained her PCCN 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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