

NPGO BLAST

May 8, 2025

UVA Nursing Practice Updates

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

Headlines:

MRI Nursing Support: Scope of Practice; Identifying Nurse-Monitored Patients; and Communication Pathways

Patient Safety Moment: Hand Hygiene - Part 2: Gloves Are NOT a Replacement for Hand Hygiene
CHG Exposure Testing Panel

Get Notified When a Heparin Lab Returns - Use the "Notify Me" Functionality

Optimize Your Mobile Device to Ensure Reliable On-Call Paging

Hydroxocobalamin (Cyanokit) Safety Alert and Updated Restrictions for Use

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

Champion Resources

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

Nursing Updates

A Message of Gratitude to UVA Nurses



Mitch Rosner, MD
EVP for Health Affairs

UVA Health

2025 National Nurses Week Continues!

We've enjoyed getting to celebrate with many of you this week through a variety of activities and seeing the many ways teams are celebrating together! As the week continues, be sure to explore the various activities available through May 12 at uvanursesweek.com.

Annual Nursing Excellence Awards Ceremony | Thursday, May 8, 1600-1900 at DoubleTree Hotel, recognizing the **2025 Nominees!**

Food Truck Friday | 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.

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

Late Nights at Higher Grounds | Purchase your late-night caffeine fix until 0200 throughout Nurses Week.

Blessing of the Hands | Contact your department's Chaplain or email chaplaincy@uvahealth.org to schedule a special blessing with your colleagues throughout May as a part of Nurses Month.

Special Educational Features | Webinars, film screens, and more are available throughout National Nurses Week. [Click here](#) to find out about these special nursing-focused educational opportunities.

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.

Nursing Assistant Award Nominations | Deadline Extended!

Nominate a nursing assistant to be a 2025 recipient now until **Thursday, May 15 at 2359** (*extended deadline!*) Review the NPGO Nursing Assistant Awards [criteria and eligibility requirements](#) and consider [submitting a nomination](#) for one or more of your well-deserved peers. Recipients to be announced during Nursing Assistant Week June 12-18.

Next Week | NPGO May Night Shift Committee Meeting Canceled

The May Night Shift Committee meeting is canceled to allow NSC members an opportunity to focus on unit-based Nurses Week nightshift activities. Share your recent professional accomplishments using this [link](#) to be recognized at an upcoming meeting - we want to celebrate with you! We look forward to seeing you at our June meeting!

NPGO Nominating Committee Announcement

It's that time again! The NPGO Nominating Committee seeks candidates who meet the criteria for **leadership positions in the NPGO**. We know so many of you would be excellent in these roles! We are seeking candidates' names for the 2026 President-Elect and Nominating Committee members.

NPGO President-Elect – an excellent opportunity for growth and continued leadership development. The President-Elect serves as a leader and official representative of the NPGO and succeeds to the role of NPGO President after one year. Duties include coaching NPGO committees, receiving and considering professional nursing concerns, serving on NPGO Nursing Cabinet, and serving as chair of the Nursing Summit Planning Committee. In total, this is a 3-year commitment.

NPGO Nominating Committee members - seeking two qualified candidates to serve on the committee in 2026-2027. Committee members will look for qualified candidates for the offices of President-Elect and Nominating Committee. In total, this is a 2-year commitment.

If you or someone you know is interested in serving in one of these roles in 2026, please complete our [Candidacy Application](#). Applicants will be contacted to schedule an interview with the current Nominating

Committee. For more information about NPGO Officers, Nominating Committee process, or Elections, please visit our [Nomination's webpage](#). You can contact any of the nominating committee members ([Amy Jordan](#) (chair), [Lashanda Baker](#), [Mary Carrion](#), [Rachel Brydge](#), or [Maketah Wyatt](#)) if you have questions!

Blast Answer

Congratulations **Katrina Carter** from 5S, Organ Transplant as the winner of the last week's Blast question.

May 12th has been declared as International Nurses' Day in honor of **Florence Nightingale** who is best known as the founder of modern nursing.

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2025 NPGO President

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2025 NPGO President-elect

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