

NPGO BLAST

May 15, 2025

UVA Nursing Practice Updates

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

Headlines:

New Standards for Management & Recruitment of Beds in Internal Transfers - May 27th

Medication Safety Alert: Do NOT Dilute Medications in Saline Flush Syringes

Alert: Discard the Biopatch in Substitute Arterial Catheter Kits

New RT Humidifiers Coming Soon

Implanted Port Access Guide - Inviting Your Feedback!

Evaluating New Infusion Fluid Warmers - Inviting Your Feedback!

Patient Safety Moment: Hand Hygiene - Part 3: Keep Fingernails Natural and Short

Prevent PCA Pump Programming Errors

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

Champion Resources

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

Nursing Updates

Tonight is the deadline for Nursing Assistant Award Nominations!

Nominations close tonight, Thursday, May 15 at 2359! Review the [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.

Congratulations to the 2025 Nursing Excellence Award Winners!

Last Thursday's Nursing Excellence Award ceremony was an incredible celebration and acknowledgement of the immense impact, leadership and professionalism that make up our University Medical Center nursing team nurses! Please help us celebrate our 2025 Award Recipients and all our [award nominees!](#)

[Beginning Practitioner of the Year](#) | Hali Morris, Infusion Procedural Center

[Excellence in Advanced Practice Nursing](#) | Stephanie Kidney, Advanced Practice

[Excellence in Knowledge Development and Expansion](#) | Austyn Bessette, IV Team

[Excellence in Relationship-Based Caring](#), Kaitlin Vannatter, NICU

[Exemplary Clinical Practice](#) | Justin Holnbeck, MICU

[Licensed Practical Nurse of the Year](#) | Thea Bierbaum, Cancer Clinics

[Nurse of Distinction](#) | Jessica Duke, 3 Central

[Preceptor of the Year](#) | Jen Yowell, 5 West

[Transformational Leader](#) | Mimi Pohl, Infusion Procedural Center

In addition, the following honors were also presented during our offsite event:

[Exemplary Resident/Fellow Physician](#) | Chelsea Miller, Interns and Residents

[Excellence in Interprofessional Collaboration](#) | Dwayne Pitre, Occupational Therapy

[Eloise Dodge Gould Award](#) | Laura Doshi, Ambulatory Pediatrics

Thomas Buckley Endowment | Ashley Walters, NICU
SON Outstanding Preceptor (APRN) | Dina Hood, Emergency Department
SON Outstanding Preceptor (CNL) | Aradhana Khubani, 7 Acute
SON Outstanding Preceptor (BSN) | Erin Fenerty, Pediatric ICU

A big thank you to the NPGO Awards & Recognition Committee for all the time and effort in creating this meaningful event!

2025 National Nurses Week Reflections

We've enjoyed getting to celebrate with many of you last week through a variety of activities and seeing the many ways teams are celebrating together!

- Watch a special [Happy Nurses Week message](#) from EVP for Health Affairs, Mitch Rosner, MD.
- UVA Registered Nurses Nicole Blake and Kyle Howard shared their stories of choosing UVA after travel nursing as part of our Nurses Week TV Spotlight. Watch the clips [here](#) and [here](#).
- Prize giveaway winners posted [here](#).
- Scavenger hunt winners posted [here](#).
- Check out photos from the week linked [here](#), including photos of Pet Therapy rounds.
- Nurses Month Off-grounds Ambulatory Tour [itineraries](#) are now posted on [the website](#). We look forward to bringing the celebrations to you May 21 – June 11!

We had a blast celebrating with you and getting the chance to meet you in your practice areas.

Nominations are open for 2026 NPGO Leadership positions

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!

Tonight's NPGO May Night Shift Committee Meeting Canceled

The May Night Shift Committee meeting is canceled. We look forward to seeing you at our June meeting! Share your recent professional accomplishments using this [link](#) to be recognized at an upcoming meeting - we want to celebrate with you!

Professional Development

Connect. Learn. Grow. Be a Mentee or Mentor!

Seven uniquely tailored Mentorship programs for UVA Nurses or aspiring UVA Nurses are now open [for registration](#). Take the time and invest in yourself this fall and work towards your professional goals!

Programs include:

- Advanced Practice Providers
- Clinician 1 Transition to Practice
- Experienced RNs
- Formal Nurse Leaders
- Night Shift Clinician Leaders
- RN Degrees Students (all levels)
- Self-Discovery for RNs

>> [Click here](#) to learn more about this best practice to support **your professional growth** and **build your nursing network** as a Mentee or Mentor! [Print/post this flyer](#) to share with your team.

Recognition

April DAISY Award Recipients: April BEE Award Recipients TBA

Raven Curtis, RN Clinician 3, CCU

Faith Delange, RN Clinician 3, Nerancy Neuro ICU

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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