

NPGO BLAST

June 5, 2025

UVA Nursing Practice Updates

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Headlines:

Quality Issues with Bard SureStep Foley Kits
UVA Rental Bed Surface Changes - Effective June 5th (Adapt Air Pro)
Drug Shortage Alert: LORazepam 2 mg/mL Injection
Patient Safety Moment: Equipment Readiness - Part 1
Continue Vigilance for Potential Measles Exposures

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

Champion Resources

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

Nursing Updates

17th Annual Nursing Assistant Awards Ceremony

Please join us **Tuesday, June 17, 1530-1700** for the 17th Annual Nursing Assistant Awards Ceremony. We are excited to recognize UVA Health University Medical Center's extraordinary nominees for their dedication to the healthcare profession and for setting such an inspiring example of professional practice and collaboration. A full list of award nominees can be found [here](#).

For more information, and to RSVP for the event, [click here](#). All University Medical Center team members are welcome to attend!

Check out [this flier](#) for more information about National Nursing Assistants Week events, June 12-18.

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**.

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

Professional Development

This Monday! Professional Board Certification Q&A Virtual Session

Are you looking to become certified or recertified? Have questions about the process or resources? Join us for a live Virtual Q&A Session, hosted by the NPGO Professional Development Committee.

When: Monday, June 9, 1400-1445 | Download a calendar planner [here](#)

Where: via Zoom (use [this link](#) - meeting number 943 3836 2759 and passcode 99168525)

Make Strides Towards Your Professional Goals - Be a Mentee or Mentor!

Is your professional development goal to become certified? Increase your participation in governance activities? Advance on the clinical career ladder? Enhance your night shift culture? Move into a new role? Become a nursing student? Build your leadership skills?

Join one of the **seven uniquely tailored Mentorship programs** for UVA Nurses or aspiring UVA Nurses this fall! **Registration** is now open! Take the time and invest in yourself this fall and work towards your professional goals. Click here for the **flyer** to learn about the programs:

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

Blast Question

The NPGO Nightshift Committee is revising their Night Shift Survival Guide and would like to gather feedback from fellow nurses who work full-time night shifts or rotating shifts. Please **click here** to provide strategies that you have found helpful to stay healthy and productive as a night shift nurse.

Recognition

Certification Celebration!

- **Cora Hoemann**, RN Clinician 2, 3 Central, obtained her CMSRN certification.
- **Stephanie Gonzalez**, RN Clinician 2, 5 East, obtained her PMH-BC certification.
- **Callie Nichols**, RN Clinician 2, NICU, obtained her RNC-NIC certification.
- **Rachel Volek**, RN Clinician 2, NICU, obtained her RNC-NIC certification.
- **Gabriella Baker**, RN Clinician 2, NICU, obtained her RNC-NIC certification.
- **Victoria Gribble**, RN Clinician 2, PICU, obtained her CCRN.

April BEE Award Recipients

- **Katelyn Mitchell**, Health Unit Coordinator, 3 East
- **Jonathan Ward**, Respiratory Therapist Clin 2, Pediatric Respiratory Therapy

May DAISY Award Recipients

- **Laura Thompson**, RN Clinician 2, Pediatric Emergency Department
- **Brenda Griswold**, RN Clinician 4, Infusion Procedural Center

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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