

# NPGO BLAST

June 12, 2025

## UVA Nursing Practice Updates

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

### Headlines:

Typenex Bands Going Away

Nursing Screening Referrals in the EHR

Transportation of Patients on Glucommander

Setting Up Chest Tube Suction with Straight Needle Valves

Straight Needle Valves - Look Alike Devices

AACN Critical Care Procedure Manual - Our Website Has Moved!

Safe Patient Handling at UVA: Best Practices for Injury Prevention and Equipment Use

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

## Champion Resources

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

## Nursing Updates

### VNF Leadership Excellence and Virginia Magnet Consortium Awards

Dedicated nurses who exemplify excellence in leadership, advocacy, and patient care will be honored at this year's Virginia Nurses Foundation Gala. Don't miss this opportunity to nominate one of your colleagues! [Click here](#) to review criteria, eligibility, and submit a nomination before **July 15**.

#### VNF Leadership Excellence Award categories:

- Direct Patient Care Leader – Patient Safety
- Direct Patient Care Leader – Patient Experience
- Public Health Nurse
- Nurse Manager/Director

#### Virginia Magnet Consortium Award categories:

- Transformational Leadership
- Structural Empowerment
- Exemplary Professional Practice
- New Knowledge, Innovations, and Improvements
- Empirical Outcomes

### June 12-18 is National Nursing Assistants Week!

**17<sup>th</sup> Annual Nursing Assistant Awards Ceremony** | Tuesday, June 17, 1530-1700 in Pinn Hall Auditorium.

Join us in recognizing the [extraordinary nominees](#) for their dedication to the healthcare profession and for setting such an inspiring example of professional practice and collaboration. For more information and to RSVP for the event, [click here](#).

**National Nursing Assistants Week Events** | Print and share [this flier](#).

## Verran Nursing Professional Governance Survey Open!

We have a significant number of responses so far for our first week! The regional outlook:

- Adult Acute – 33
- Adult Critical Care – 17
- Ambulatory – 58
- Centralized Dept. – 17
- Emergency Svcs. – 2
- PeriOp – 29
- Procedural – 20
- Women's / Children's – 10

Keep it up! Thank you for the responses so far! The survey will be open until **June 29<sup>th</sup> at 2359** and will take less than 10 minutes to complete.

Log-in\* to complete the survey:

- Your regular Net Badge log in, then
- Your full “@uvahealth.org” email

\*Please note: Survey is not accessible to travel and Passport RNs.

You can access the survey through [this link](#) or by scanning the QR code below.



Please visit our informational [webpage](#) for updates!

## 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 \(chair\)](#), [Mary Carrion](#), [Rachel Brydge](#), [Amy G. Hunt](#), or [Maketah Wyatt](#)) if you have questions!

## Professional Development

### 2025 Nursing Degree Scholarships are now open for applications!

We are delighted to distribute a total of **\$90,000** to support UVA team members pursuing nursing degrees across all levels. Eligibility includes benefited University Medical Center employees who are taking classes between January 2025 and June 30, 2026 in:

- ADN degree programs
- BSN degree programs & prerequisites
- Higher nursing degree programs

[Click here](#) for more information about eligibility/timeline and to submit an application. Print and post [this flyer](#) to share. Applications close July 21 at 23:59, and recipients will be announced in September.

### Next Week | NPGO Night Shift Committee Meeting

Join us at the next Night Shift Committee meeting, **early Friday morning June 20, 0200-0300** in the Medical Center Board Room. We will have two guest speakers this month! Nursing Director Joel Anderson will be presenting on available team member resources within the Wisdom and Wellbeing

Program (WWP). We will also be taking time to get night shift feedback with the Leadership is Listening survey team.

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!

### **Become a Northridge Clinical Instructor – Shape the Future of Nursing at UVA Health**

You are invited to grow your leadership and teaching skills by becoming a Northridge Clinical Instructor. In this role, you'll work with 4-6 new hires at a time in a simulated learning environment, helping validate foundational nursing competencies. Nursing Professional Development Services (NPDS) provides orientation to the role, detailed instructor guides, and ongoing support to ensure you feel confident and prepared.

#### **Why join?**

- Enhance your teaching experience
- Meet Preceptor Booster requirements
- Count your involvement toward annual performance goals

[Click here](#) for more information about program requirements, teaching content, and other benefits of joining the Northridge Instructor Team.

### **UVA Health's EMS & Critical Care Transport Conference**

[Click here](#) for a flyer to post in your area. Registration information will be available soon for this November 1<sup>st</sup> event.

## **Blast Answer**

Congratulations to **Karin Brown**, Charge Nurse, TWP Inpatient Services, as the winner of last week's Blast question. Thanks to everyone who provided valuable strategies to the Night Shift Committee to incorporate into their Night Shift Survival Guide for night shift and rotating shift nurses to stay healthy and productive.

## **Recognition**

### **Certification Celebration!**

- **Cynthia Sachs**, RN Clinician 2, OPSC PACU, obtained her CPAN certification.
- **Jessica Stover**, RN-UB Pool, OPSC PACU, obtained her CPAN certification.
- **Tammy Rinaldo**, Clinical Nurse Coordinator, Digestive Health Clinic, obtained her CGRN certification.

### **Nursing Month Ambulatory Visits fun!**

[Click here](#) to see the clinics and photos of team members we visited with these past few weeks across central Virginia! And enjoy this fun photo of our interaction with the Miniature Horse Pet Therapy star Dolly we met at UVA Colonnades!

**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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