

# NPGO BLAST

July 3, 2025

## UVA Nursing Practice Updates

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

### Headlines:

Practice Change: CHG Exposure Testing Now Requires LIP Order

MicroClave Clear Needleless Connectors

Patient Safety Moment: Pain Assessment and Management

NEW! Lippincott Advisor: A Wealth of Nursing Resources

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

## Champion Resources

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

## Nursing Updates

### Honorable Mention: TCV ICU Team is Transforming Blood Culture Use

The TCV ICU Team was highlighted in *Vision and Voice* for their implementation of the “Decision Tree”, a tool to help clinicians determine if and when a blood culture test was truly needed. Click [here](#) to read the full article.

### Extended! | Verran Nursing Professional Governance Survey

Requesting 10 minutes (or less) of your time to help us evaluate our professional governance structure! If you haven't already, please **click or scan the QR code below** to participate in an evaluation of our NPGO structure using a validated tool.

Your input matters! [Click here](#) for more information.



To log-in\* to complete the survey you will need

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

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

### Nominations Open for Statewide Nursing 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

## 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](#).

## 2025 Health Unit Coordinator of the Year I Nominations are open!

It's time to recognize our Health Unit Coordinators' important role in showing kindness and empathy to our patients, their families, and each other. Read through the [criteria and eligibility requirements](#) and consider nominating one or more of your well-deserved peers for these honors. Nominations will close on Friday, August 1 at 2359 and National HUC Week is celebrated nationally August 23 - 29. Don't miss this opportunity! [Nominate a HUC today](#).

## Professional Development

### Certification Champion Boot Camp | Sign up today for next week's event!

The NPGO Professional Development Committee is hosting the next boot camp for new Certification Champions **next week on Thursday, July 10, 0900 - 1100**. [Click here](#) to register for this hybrid workshop. Additional networking and educational opportunities are available throughout the year. [Click here](#) to learn more!

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

Gain support for your professional growth, achieve your PD goals, and build connections throughout the organization through these evidence-based programs, designed and led by UVA Nurses! These six-month programs are built around connection, support, and success strategies – with the mentee leading the way. They are designed to be both impactful and manageable – requiring just one hour per month for mentor-mentee connection.

**Explore one of the [seven uniquely tailored Mentorship programs](#)** for UVA Nurses or aspiring UVA Nurses this fall! Take the time and invest in yourself this fall and work towards your professional goals.

[Registration](#) is open through July 18. All roles and practice areas are encouraged to sign up!

### Apply for a 2025 Nursing Degree Scholarship!

If you are a UVA team member pursuing a nursing degree, consider applying for this competitive scholarship opportunity. Eligibility includes benefited University Medical Center employees who are taking classes between January 1, 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. Applications close July 21 at 2359, and recipients will be announced in September.

## 2025 VNA Elections Open

Voting will remain open for Board of Directors, Nominating Committee, and Chapter leadership positions with the VNA until August 22, 2025. Newly elected leaders will be inducted at the Fall Conference on November 15, 2025. Please [click here](#) for more information.

## Clinical Career Ladder

### NPGO CCL Preparation Class – July 2025

The next regular monthly offering of “[Preparation for Advancement on the NPGO Clinical Career Ladder](#)” will be July 9 from 1330 – 1500 in Classroom 4614. Enrollment in Workday is required.

### Request an Information Session for Your Team

Does your team have questions related to NPGO Clinical Career Ladder advancement? Unsure about investing the time to attend a prep class offering? Want to support your team’s goals related to advancement? We are offering brief (15 minutes or less) information sessions. Our Clinical Career Ladder chairs will come to you and your team! Invite the NPGO CCL Chairs by completing a web form [by clicking here](#) and they will contact you to schedule a session. We anticipate that teams will prefer to use their already existing local NPG or staff meetings.

## Blast Question

This survey is an important part in evaluating our professional governance structure and as clinical nurses, your voices and engagement is critical. What is the name of this survey?

## Recognition

### Certification Celebration!

- **Leah Eick**, RN Clinician 2, NNICU, obtained her SCRN certification.
- **Andrew Campbell**, RN Clinician 3, NNICU, obtained his SCRN certification.
- **Robert Grubbs**, Inpatient Charge Nurse, 3 East, obtained his CMSRN Certification.
- **Megan O’Connell**, RN Traveler (Internal), 3 East, obtained her CMSRN 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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