

NPGO BLAST

July 10, 2025

UVA Nursing Practice Updates

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

Headlines:

MicroClave Clear Needleless Connectors – Update

Discharge Lounge Extended Hours!

Reported Leaks from MediChoice Hypo-Hyperthermia Blankets

New Product: 3M Nasogastric Securement Device – Launching July 15th

Patient Safety Moment: Pain Assessment and Management – How Are We Doing?

Reminder: Typenex Bands Retire 7/15; New Orders for Pre-Transfusion Testing

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

Champion Resources

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

Nursing Updates

Extended! | Verran Nursing Professional Governance Survey

Your input matters! 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.

[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.

Less than a Week Remaining | Statewide Nursing Award Nominations

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** for the **VNF Leadership Excellence Awards** and the **Virginia Magnet Consortium Awards**

UVA Health Nurse Residency Program CY24 Capstone Presentations

Cohort D of the NRP Program will present their capstone presentations on **July 17, 2025** in the Old Medical School Auditorium in the West Complex from 08:30am-12:30pm ([click here to review the agenda](#)). Please stop by to show support for your RN colleagues.

Consider Applying for a 2026 NPGO Leadership Positions

The NPGO Nominating Committee seeks candidates who meet the criteria for **leadership positions in the NPGO** and 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. National HUC Week is celebrated nationally August 23-29. Nominations close **Friday, August 1 at 2359**. Don't miss this opportunity - [nominate a HUC today!](#)

Professional Development

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 beginning September. [Registration](#) is open thru **Friday, July 18**. Take the time and invest in yourself this fall!

- 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

2025 Nursing Degree Scholarship | Applications Close July 21

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 **by July 21 at 2359**. 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 July 18, 0200-0300** in the Medical Center Board Room. We will be reviewing the **new** Press Ganey "Restfulness of Hospital" metric & viewing the *Promoting a Sleep-Friendly Patient Experience* Webinar.

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!

UVA School of Nursing Admissions Information Sessions

Click [here](#) to learn more about live virtual info sessions hosted by UVA School of Nursing, where prospective students can learn more about the RN to BSN, Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL), and PhD in Nursing programs. Topics include financial aid options, career opportunities, what you can expect after graduation, and more.

2025 VNA Elections Open

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

Clinical Career Ladder

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 clicking here to complete a webform](#) 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 Answer

Congratulations to **Dana Sansom**, RN Clinician 2, Radiology, as the winner of last week's Blast question. The question was, "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?" and the correct answer is the *Verran Nursing Professional Governance Survey*.

Recognition

Congratulations!

- **Holly Overstreet**, RN Clinician 2, UVA Lynchburg Home Dialysis, received her BSN March 2025.

May BEE Award Recipients

- **Lacey Greer**, Health Unit Coordinator, Acute Cardiology
- **Rebecca Pastrana**, Technician Specialist, Endoscopy

June DAISY Award Recipients

- **Emily Taquechel**, RN Clinician 2, MICU
- **Kerianne di Stefano**, RN Clinician 2, STICU

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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