

NPGO BLAST

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UVA Nursing Practice Updates

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

Headlines:

ALERT: When Calling Report - Verify Correct Patient and Location
Cortrak Stylets Should Remain with the Patient
Removal of "Chemotherapy" from Epic Label
Updates Regarding Off-Unit Travel of Patients
Glucomanager Management Pearls
Patient Safety Moment: Pain Assessment and Management – Practice Review
Bivalirudin Infusion Concentration Changes July 22nd

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 done so, 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.

If you experience issues accessing the survey, please email NPGO@uvahealth.org for support!

Consider Applying for a 2026 NPGO Leadership Position

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

Extended! Sign up to be a Mentee or Mentor!

Thank you to the *many* of you who signed up already to be a mentor or a mentee! We are looking for **additional mentees and mentors** to join the September cohorts! **Registration is extended thru Thursday, July 24**. Take the time and invest in yourself this fall by joining one of the seven uniquely tailored Mentorship programs for UVA Nurses or aspiring UVA Nurses!

- 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

Deadline is Monday for the 2025 Nursing Degree Scholarships

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.

This Week | NPGO Night Shift Committee Meeting

Join us at the next Night Shift Committee meeting, **this Friday morning July 18, 0200-0300 (Thursday night shift)** 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!

The 2026 EBP Academy is now accepting applications!

EBP Academy is an intensive 15-week immersive experience conducting an evidence-based practice project under the direction of the Office of Nursing Research. There will be eight 8-hour in-person sessions of interactive and hands-on learning held January through April 2026. The Office of Nursing Research is excited to offer *two participation options* this coming year - nurses can apply to audit the sessions or apply to do a fully guided EBP project. **The deadline to apply is August 8**. [Click here](#) for details and the minimum requirements.

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](#) 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.

Recent CCL Advancements

After a two-month break, we had our first advancement cycle this month with interviews taking place this past Wednesday! We will announce our newest advancees next week! We'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate ALL of the advancees from the first half of 2025! [Click here](#) to view all advancees!

The remaining upcoming advancement interview dates for the calendar year are:

- August 20, 2025 (Application deadline 8/4/2025 @ 2359)
- September 17, 2025 (Application deadline 9/1/2025 @ 2359)
- October 15, 2025 (Application deadline 10/6/2025 @ 2359)
- November 19, 2025 (Application deadline 11/3/2025 @ 2359)

Recognition

Congratulations!

- **Sarah Ellis**, RN Clinician 2, Cancer Center Pantops Infusion, obtained her BSN.
- **Jennifer Johnson**, RN Care Coordinator, Heart Center, obtained her BSN.
- **Seth McElroy**, RN Transplant Coordinator, Kidney Transplant, obtained his CCTC certification.

National Recognition

Congratulations to APP Director, **Kim Elgin**, DNP, APRN, ACNS-BC, CMSRN, PCCN, FCNS, who will be inducted as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing this October! Read more on [Connect](#).

Celebrate CLABSI and CAUTI Reduction Achievements with Free Coffee (UVA Health ID Badge Required)

Thursday, July 24, | Higher Grounds East, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Higher Grounds West, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.
| We hit critical milestones in its efforts to eliminate Central Line-Associated Blood Stream Infections (CLABSI) and Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI), with just 36 CLABSI events (target 41 events) and just 13 CAUTI events (target 24 events) in FY25. UMC rates for CLABSI and CAUTI beat industry benchmarks, with CAUTI events down 64% from FY24 and CLABSI events dropping to a 10-year low. These reductions make a meaningful difference in the lives of our patients: CAUTI is the leading cause of secondary bloodstream infections acquired in clinical settings, and with every 4-7 CLABSI cases prevented, a life is saved.

To celebrate these achievements and the hard work of all involved, display your UVA Health ID badge to get **one free 16 ounce, hot or iced coffee or hot tea, cream, and sugar** at selected tables set up next to Higher Grounds East, and at the counter at Higher Grounds West. If taking cups back to a unit, there is a four-cup limit. (Please note: requests such as other flavorings, espresso, etc., only will be available for purchase by joining the line to the Higher Grounds kiosks). Infection Prevention and Control, Quality and Performance Improvement, and the CLABSI and CAUTI Coalitions are pleased to host this celebration.

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Clinician 4 | Cardiac Transition Unit
2025 NPGO President

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2025 NPGO President-elect

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