

NPGO BLAST

August 28, 2025

UVA Nursing Practice Updates

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

Headlines:

CLOG ZAPPER – Important New IFU Process Addendum for Enteral Feeding Tube Declogging Syringe

Suicide Precautions: Diet Order and SI Meal Tray Verification

Medical Treatment of Inmates: Surrogate Decision Making

Documentation Reminder: Nursing Care Plan

Minimize Central Line Dressing Disruptions: Use StatSeal Powder

Alaris Pump Library Updates – Pump Restart Needed to Load Updates

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

Champion Resources

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

Are you a sustainability champion? Join us for a meeting with the Director of Sustainability, **Dr. Matthew Meyer**. We'll exchange ideas regarding sustainability in your area and share strategies across units on September 8th at 2-3 pm [Meeting Link](#)

Nursing Updates

Join a Central NPGO Committee in 2026!

Interested in being a regional representative and member on a NPGO Central Committee in 2026?

- [Click here](#) to learn about each committee.
- Submit your name via the [Call for Interest Survey](#) by September 25.
- For more information, use [this link](#) to explore the webpage. Email NPGO@uvahealth.org with questions.

Professional Development

“Understanding the Emotional and Physical Stress from Caregiving”

Join this virtual event presented by professor Paula Sherwood, PhD, RN, CNRN, FAAN, a nurse scientist who studies caregiver interventions for patients with brain cancers. Sherwood's presentation is part of the UVA School of Nursing's Continuing Education Updates from the Experts series event.

When: September 11 | 1600 – 1700

Details: [Click here](#) to learn more, access the Zoom link, and download a calendar planner

Professional Board Certification Resources

Need help with achieving certification? Join a **Virtual Q&A Session** to get answers to your questions to help you succeed in your professional goal of certification, hosted by the NPGO Professional Development Committee.

- **Tuesday, September 9, 1400-1500** – [click here](#) to download a calendar planner to access the Zoom link.
- **Friday, September 19, 0200-0300** – Join the NPGO Night Shift Committee meeting to learn about certification resources and to ask your certification questions.

Certification Champion Boot Camp | New to the role? Want to learn more about certification resources and strategies to support your colleagues to achieve or maintain certification?

- **October 14, 0900-1100** – [click here](#) to learn more and to register; class hosted in person and via Zoom.

Interested in becoming certified? Explore [Getting Certified for the First Time](#) to find a step-by-step guide and the resources you need, including review materials, funding, the list of approved certifications, and more.

2025 NPGO Annual Nursing Summit | Register today!

Elevate Your Professional Practice and Achieve Your Full Potential. This year's theme centers around understanding and addressing **Imposter Syndrome** in ourselves and in each other. Our keynote speakers, **Alison Shamir** and **Rose Markey**, will challenge us and offer tools to help us reach our fullest potential as UVA nurses, while elevating our profession.

When: Thursday, November 20, 2025 | 0800 - 1630.

Where: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Charlottesville | Rotunda Ballroom.

Registration: [Click here](#) to register in Workday. Seating is limited.

For more information, explore the [event website](#). Click [here](#) to print and share the flyer.

Nurse Leader Development Program Opportunity

The next offering of the **Nurse Leader Development Program** begins September 24. This eight-class series is crafted to elevate the leadership acumen and professional capabilities of nurse leaders. The program is now available to all Nursing Directors, Nurse Managers, Assistant Nurse Managers, and Charge Nurses.

Interested? Please contact deg2j@uvahealth.org for more information and to enroll in the fall cohort!

UVA Health 2025 Advanced Practice Conference

Advancing Professional Growth, Education, and Excellence (APOGEE) - **When:** October 9–10 | 0730 - 1645.

Where: University of Virginia Newcomb Hall | 180 McCormick Road.

Registration: [Click here](#) to learn more and register by September 30.

Target Audience: APPs/Clinicians across the continuum of care, spanning inpatient, outpatient, and community healthcare settings.

Clinical Career Ladder

Request an Information Session for Your Team

Our Clinical Career Ladder chairs are eager to answer your team's questions and provide information to support your colleagues' professional goals of advancement on the ladder. [Click here](#) to invite them to join a meeting with your team.

Upcoming CCL Advancement Interviews Dates

Below are the remaining advancement interview dates for this calendar year. [Click here](#) for more details.

- 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

Celebrating Health Unit Coordinator Week

Health Unit Coordinator Week runs through August 29. Thank you to all our Health Unit Coordinators for the contributions they make every day.

Congratulations to our 2025 HUC of the Year recipient, Dianne Ogorzaly, 5 West!

At this time, we'd like to congratulate and recognize all 2025 nominees:

- Alicia Morris, Mother/Baby
- Brianna Nesbitt, Emergency Department
- Dianne Ogorzaly, 5 West
- Julie Bunch, 3 West
- Linda Hartsook, 5 East
- Maria Torres, 5 South
- Sarah Moster, 5 South
- Terri Nowell, Interventional Radiology

Celebrating CCL Advancements

Congratulations to the following RNs who advanced on the Clinical Ladder this month!

Advanced to Clinician 3

- **Kristyn Ballard**, (Cancer Cntr., Pantops Infusion Cntr.)
- **Noah Cook**, (Emergency Department)
- **Alyssa Fohner**, (3 West)
- **Calvin Fulcher**, (Radiology Nursing)
- **Alec Harrison**, (7 Acute)
- **Cristina Ramirez** (Augusta Oncology Clinic)
- **Mary Ann Smith**, (5 East)
- **Brooke (Watts) Turner**, (8 Central/Mother-Baby)
- **David Wood**, (5 West)

Advanced to Clinician 4

- **Deidra Bibb**, (Augusta Oncology Clinic)
- **Kevin Eleazer**, (Interventional Radiology)
- **Petter Norrlof**, (WOC Team)

[Click here](#) to see the full list of advancements to date for 2025!

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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