

NPGO BLAST

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UVA Nursing Practice Updates

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Headlines:

Inpatient IV Bag & IV Tubing Hang Time Resource Updated!
When In Doubt - Confirm Equipment Is Undamaged Before Using
Acute Care Rental Beds
Prepare for the Epic Upgrade Coming Nov. 2nd
Patient Safety Moment: Searching Manufacturer's Instructions for Use

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

Champion Resources

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

Nursing Updates

NRP's Re-Accreditation Site Visit | November 17

The Nurse Residency Program (NRP) is in the final weeks of the re-accreditation process with [ANCC's Practice Transition Accreditation Program \(PTAP\)](#). PTAP is an extensive and rigorous process specifically for programs like ours. The University Medical Center's NRP was the 38th in the country to be accredited in 2018, and there are now more than 400. For our re-accreditation process, we submitted our self-study with supporting documents, and crossed the hurdle that was the Learner Survey! Thanks to everyone who helped us exceed the required 51% participation – 342 out of 604 eligible present and past participants of NRP responded.

Our virtual site visit will be held Nov. 17, with a proposed agenda forthcoming from ANCC by early November. Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to this process. We have been working hard and are optimistic that we will have something to celebrate in early December!

Fall Back to the Future Celebration | Next Week

Get ready to “fall back” as Daylight Savings Time comes to an end! Make sure you join us at the Fall Back Celebration **early morning Sunday, November 2, 0000 – new 0130** in the Main Hospital Cafeteria. NPGO Night Shift Committee members will be at the NPGO table handing out swag and answering any questions you have about the committee. Enjoy free espresso drinks, coffee, and hot chocolate from Higher Grounds, snacks and giveaways, all while connecting with representatives from various departments to learn about programs and resources available to you at UVA Health. (Note: the 0130 end time is *after* Daylight Savings time has ended - the event is 2.5 hours long.)

Join the 2026 Nurses Week Planning Workgroup!

The NPGO team is forming the **2026 Nurses Week Planning Workgroup** and would like to invite RNs to join in shaping next year's celebration! Your insight and perspective are invaluable as we plan a wide variety of events.

The group meets monthly on the third Thursday 1500-1600, December through May, with the **first hybrid meeting on Dec.18**. If you are interested, please email NPGO@uvahealth.org.

Professional Development

TODAY! Stop by the 2025 Annual Healthcare Education Fair

Grab a colleague and drop by the **2025 Annual Healthcare Education Fair** happening **today from 3:30–6:30pm** in the Main Hospital Cafeteria. All team members welcome!

- Admission Counselors from *across Virginia* will be on-site to talk about their education and certificate programs, including Pharmacy Tech, Radiology, Therapies, EWYL, Nursing programs of all levels, and more!
- UVA representatives will be available to answer questions about the HR Education Benefits Program, Career Navigation Services and the annual Nursing Degree Scholarship program.
- Light refreshments and coffee card raffle also provided – come say hi!

More information about the participating programs is available on [the website](#). Curious? **Hear from participants who attended last year's fair [by clicking here](#)**. >>>

Free Virtual EBP Symposium for 6 CEs

The 10th Annual Inova Nursing Research & Evidence-Based Practice Symposium recording is available for review. Recordings from the conference sessions will be available on-demand for 30 days after the conference (until Nov. 16th). Nursing participants who review the recording and review **at least six posters**, can receive **six nursing contact hours** by completing the available evaluation. Access the symposium today by clicking [here](#), then click on Register now!

Connect. Learn. Grow.

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 this fall! **Registration** is open for the Spring 2026 cohorts! Take the time and invest in yourself and work towards your professional goals. **Click here** for the flyer to learn about the programs:

- 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

Recognition

Congratulations!

- **Danita Massie, MSN, RN, CNL** | EBP poster winner in the 2025 Inova Nursing Research and Evidence Based Practice Symposium. Poster title: “Evidence-Based Practice Pilot to Improve Sedation Assessment in Interventional Radiology.”
- **Elaine Hughes, BSN, RN, CAPA & Samantha McGuigan, BSN, RN** | Fan Favorite poster winner in the 2025 Inova Nursing Research and Evidence Based Practice Symposium. Poster title: “Stop Sticking to Stick! An EBP Project: Decreasing IV Insertion Attempts by Identifying Difficult Peripheral Access Beforehand.”
- **Jennifer T. Hall, MSN, RN, CNL, NEA-BC**, Director Nursing Professional Practice, and **Leanne Fox, MPP**, Nursing Governance Coordinator | Podium presentation at the 2025 ANCC Magnet®

Conference in Atlanta GA, "Nurses Belong Where Decisions Are Made: Nursing Advocacy 101." [Click here](#) to learn more about the Nursing Advocacy Initiative, and see photos on [Connect](#).

- **Kim Elgin, DNP, APRN, ACNS-BC, PCCN, CMSRN, FCNS**, Clinician Educator of Nursing, Assistant Professor of Nursing, and Director of Advanced Practice Providers, **Windy Alonso, PhD, RN, FHFA, FAHA**, UVA School of Nursing inaugural Department of Nursing Research Chair, and **Emma Mitchell, PhD, RN, CPH**, UVA School of Nursing Associate Professor and nurse scientist | Inducted as **American Academy of Nursing Fellows**.
- **Jacinda Buzzard, RN** Clinician 2, Newborn ICU | Obtained her RN-NIC certification

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