

NPGO BLAST

November 19, 2025

Please note: The Thursday Blast for 11/27/2025 will be sent on 11/26/2025 in observance of the holiday.

UVA Nursing Practice Updates

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

Headlines:

Vancomycin Reconstitution - Varied Appearance Is Appropriate

System-Wide ALERT: Temporary Replacement of Red Emergency Hotline Phones

Patient Safety Moment: Take the Allergy Alert Armband Practice Assessment Survey

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

Champion Resources

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

Clinical Career Ladder

Seeking Your Feedback

The NPGO **Clinical Career Ladder** leaders seek your feedback on our Clinical Career Ladder. We are committed to continuous process improvement for this program and ask for your participation in [this brief survey by Friday, Nov. 28 at 2359 \(Extended deadline!\)](#).

Answer a few quick questions about the clinical career ladder behaviors, mentorship, and barriers to advancing so we can improve the process for you! Once you complete the survey you will have an opportunity to enter for a random prize drawing.

Nursing Updates

NPGO Night Shift Committee | November Meeting Cancelled

The Night Shift Committee will not be meeting in November. Enjoy a little extra time as the holiday season gets underway. Stay tuned or sign up [here](#) to learn more about our December meeting.

Nominate Your Nurse Leader for a DAISY Award

The DAISY Award Committee is now accepting nominations for the 2025 DAISY Nurse Leader Award, created to shine a light on those who foster an environment where compassionate, skillful care thrives. This award is open to any University Medical Center Administrative Nurse Leader (Assistant Nurse Manager and above) that holds an active RN license. Nominations must be a minimum of 500 words, and include specific examples to describe the professional character and performance of the Nurse Leader. Please [click here](#) to nominate an extraordinary Nurse Leader! **Nominations close Sunday, Nov. 30, at 2359.**

Recognition

Congratulations!

- **Amanda Besley**, RN Clinician 2, CTU, received her RN CV-BC certification.
- **Sarah Henry**, RN Clinician 2, STICU, obtained her CCRN certification.

2025 Virginia Nurses Foundation Gala

On Saturday, November 15, several UVA Health nurses were recognized in a special statewide event for their exemplary practice and impact to our patients and nursing profession. Please join us in congratulating our recipients and all those who were nominated. We are so proud of you!

VNF Leadership Excellence Awards

Recipients

- Amy Boitnott, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, CPNP-PC** | Assistant Professor of Nursing, UVA School of Nursing
| *Nurse Educator Award*
- Sharon Bragg, DNP, RN, CCRN** | Assistant Professor of Nursing, UVA School of Nursing | *Nurse Educator Award*
- Shelly Dean, DNP, APRN, CNL, CPNP-PC** | APP Director – Women’s, Children’s, & Psychiatry Services, UVA Health University Medical Center | *Nurse Manager/Director Award*
- Mimi Pohl, MSN, RN, OCN** | RN Clinician 4 – Infusion Procedural Center, UVA Health University Medical Center | *Direct Patient Care Leader - Patient Safety Award*

Finalists

- Gretchen Wiersma, DNP, CNE, CHSE, RN** | Assistant Professor of Nursing, UVA School of Nursing | *Nurse Educator Award*
- Emily Evans, PhD, RN, WHNP-BC** | Assistant Professor of Nursing, UVA School of Nursing | *Nurse Educator Award*
- Lorie Koch, BSN, RN, CRNI** | Nurse Manager, UVA Health Continuum Home Health Care | *Nurse Manager/Director Award*
- Laurie Brock, MSN, RN** | Nurse Informaticist, Specialist, UVA Health University Medical Center | *Nursing Informatics Award*
- Amy Johnston, MSN, CNS, RN, CNRN, AGCNS-BC** | Advanced Practice Provider – Clinical Nurse Specialist, UVA Health University Medical Center | *Direct Patient Care Leader - Patient Safety Award*
- Judy Kauffman, DNP, RN, CNN** | Director of Cellular Therapy and Cancer Service Line Quality, UVA Health University Medical Center | *Nurse Manager/Director Award*
- Chris Moubray, MSN, RN, AMB-BC, CNML, NPD-BC** | Nursing Professional Development Clinical Leader, UVA Health University Medical Center | *Nurse Educator Award*
- Kaitlin Vannatter, BSN, RN** | RN Clinician 2, UVA Health University Medical Center | *Direct Patient Care Leader - Patient Experience Award*

Trailblazers

- Fiona Reingruber, RN** | Assistant Nurse Manager, UVA Health Culpeper Medical Center | *Direct Patient Care Leader - Patient Experience Award*
- Devon Bloxsom, MSN, RN** | Ambulatory Clinic Nurse Manager, UVA Health University Medical Center | *Nurse Manager/Director Award*
- Matthew Henrich, MSN, RN** | Nurse Manager, UVA Health University Medical Center | *Nurse Manager/Director Award*
- Morgan Kaminski, MSN, RN, CMSRN, NEA-BC** | Nurse Manager, UVA Health University Medical Center | *Nurse Manager/Director Award*

Virginia Magnet Consortium Awards

Recipient

Jessica Duke, BSN, RN, CMSRN | Charge Nurse – Inpatient, UVA Health University Medical Center |
Magnet Excellence in Empirical Outcomes Award

Nominees

Michelle Dawson, MSN, APRN, AG-ACNP | APP Director, Education & Fellowships, UVA Health University Medical Center | *Magnet Excellence in Structural Empowerment Award*

Joseph Hulsebusch, MSHA, BSN, RN, CGRN | Director, Outpatient Surgery Sites, UVA Health University Medical Center | *Magnet Excellence in Transformational Leadership Award*

Susan Ketcham, MSN, APRN, AGCNS-BC, CPAN | Manager, Advanced Practice Provider – Clinical Nurse Specialist, UVA Health University Medical Center | *Magnet Excellence in New Knowledge, Innovations and Improvements Award*

Kelly Morris, BSN, RN, OCN | Ambulatory Nurse Manager, UVA Health University Medical Center | *Magnet Excellence in Transformational Leadership Award*

Aimee Strong, MSN, APRN, ACNP, ANCC | Nurse Practitioner, Radiology, UVA Health University Medical Center | *Magnet Excellence in Exemplary Professional Practice Award*

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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