

# NPGO BLAST

December 4, 2025

## UVA Nursing Practice Updates

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### Headlines:

ALERT: IV Opioid Shortage - Dosing Changes Coming

Reminder: In-Services for Bridle Pro Range System 12/3-12/5

Radiation Safety: Replacing Dosimeters

Patient Safety Moment: Clarification - Single Dose Vials

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

## Champion Resources

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

## Clinical Career Ladder

**Reminder:** NPGO Clinical Career Ladder Advancement Preparation classes are held monthly (Except December!) and enrollment is available in Workday. [Offerings](#) for 2026 are listed. Please contact [NPGO@uvahealth.org](mailto:NPGO@uvahealth.org) with any questions.

## Nursing Updates

### DAISY Team Award | Call for Nominations

The DAISY Team Award is given once a year to a team of two or more individuals who are on a team led by a direct care nurse or group of nurses. These team members are role models of collaboration and teamwork that create a culture of trust, respect, and engagement through UVA Health values.

Nominations are open now until **Friday, December 26, at 2359**. Submit a nomination for two or more individuals [here](#) and learn more about the DAISY Team Award by visiting the [DAISY Foundation](#) website.

### NPGO Summit – 2025 Resources and 2026 Committee Membership

It was wonderful to have a full house at the DoubleTree on November 20 for the Annual Nursing Summit. Thank you to those who supported your colleagues to attend by caring for our patients.

**Several resources** are available on the [event webpage](#) – please consider using these to further the dialogue on Imposter Syndrome so we can each achieve our full potential.

**Join the 2026 Summit Planning Committee!** [Click here](#) to submit your name and contact information. If you noted your interest in the feedback survey, use this form to share your contact information with the chair.

### Nursing as a Profession: Proposal from the Department of Education

We are aware of the recent proposal from the Department of Education that would exclude nursing as a “professional degree” program. This would limit nurses’ ability to access funding for graduate education and would potentially devastate nursing education at all levels, nurse leadership, and advanced practice nurses. **This proposal is not final**, and our organization is considering how best to respond. In the

meantime, we encourage you to engage with the ANA by [signing their petition](#) and [sharing your story](#). Many other professional nursing organizations are taking action, as well, and we encourage you to use your professional organization as a resource.

## Professional Development

### Is your professional board certification up-to-date in Workday?

Take two minutes to log into Workday to confirm your active professional board certification is entered, the expiration date is correct and not expired, and everything is approved by your manager. This will set you up for the 2026 Annual RN Certification Bonus deadline, which is **Saturday, February 28, 2026 at 2359.**

Details and eligibility for the bonus are available [here](#). Eligible professional board certifications can be found by clicking [here](#).

## Blast Question

Nurses advocate for their patients every day and can play an important role in transforming healthcare for all. What initiative can UVA professional nurses participate in that supports professional advocacy to inspire and transform healthcare?

## Recognition

### Congratulations!

- **Samantha McGuigan**, RN Clinician 2, OPSC/pre-op, obtained her CAPA certification
- **Cassie Manchester**, RN Clinical Coordinator, Team Member Injury Prevention, obtained her CNL certification.
- **Audrey Overton**, RN Clinician 2, 5 West, obtained her CMSRN certification.

### Celebrating CCL Advancements

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

Advanced to Clinician 3

- **Ashlee Bishop** (Perianesthesia Main – PACU)
- **Andrew Getty** (Medical Emergency Team)
- **Miranda Halpin** (Medical ICU)
- **Rebecca Hawkins** (5<sup>th</sup> Fl. BB)
- **Kara Matthews** (Perianesthesia Main – PACU)
- **Whitney Perdue** (5<sup>th</sup> Fl. BB)
- **Somerset Rice** (Main OR)

Advanced to Clinician 4

- **Hannah Henderson** (Perianesthesia Main – PACU)

**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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