

# NPGO BLAST

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## UVA Nursing Practice Updates

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### Headlines:

Test Zoll Battery Function During Emergency Equipment Checks  
Reminder: Testing Zoll Battery Function  
Frozen Side Rail Screens on Beds  
Enclosure (Posey) Beds & Padded Floor Mats  
Adult HYDROMorphone ICU Infusion vs PCA - Practice Change  
Patient Safety Moment: Patient Identification  
Vial2Bag 13mm Adaptor Coming 1/20  
PCA Security Level Updates: Transition from Codes to Keys - Effective 1/27  
Product Substitution: Cavilon No Sting Barrier Film Wands  
Additional Tablet Size for Oxycodone  
Vocera Dining One - Extended Hours  
Guest Tray Ordering - Epic Update  
Product Notice: Temperature Probe Covers  
Cardiac Rhythm Interpretation Challenge & Raffle Results

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

### Submit a Nomination for the 2026 Nursing Excellence Awards

Nominations for the **Nursing Excellence Awards**, supported by the NPGO Awards & Recognition Committee, are open! Consider recognizing a deserving colleague by submitting a nomination for one of nine different award categories. The deadline to submit is **Monday, February 16 at 2359**. Email [NPGO@uvahealth.org](mailto:NPGO@uvahealth.org) with questions.

- Review the [Nursing Excellence Awards webpage](#) for more information.
- The [Eligibility Grid](#) is a helpful resource to see which award categories are the best fit for a potential nominee.
- Utilize this [flyer](#) to encourage nominations among your team.

**Don't Miss Tonight's Night Shift Committee Meeting!**

We are excited to see everyone tonight from **0200 – 0300** in the **Medical Center Board Room**. We will review NSC Operational Guidelines and share a Parking & Transportation update, along with a few other key topics.

- ❖ Meeting details [here](#).
- ❖ Enjoy light refreshments while you join us.
- ❖ Not onsite? Use this [Zoom link](#) to connect.

Want to know more about our monthly night shift meetings and happenings? Click [here](#) to sign up.

## RN Peer Review | Updated Process and Resources

The NPGO Professional Development Committee finalized and updated the process and resources for nursing peer review – a professional responsibility and expectation for professional nurses as guided by our national standards and code of ethics. The revisions include changing from two to *one required peer review for all RNs in all roles*, as part of the annual performance appraisal cycle for Fiscal Year 2026. Explore the variety of information and robust resources available on the [Nursing Peer Review website](#).

## Professional Development

### Clinical Nurse Leader Association of Virginia Kick Off Meeting

Please join special guests Bob Lapointe, MSN, RN, CNL, CPHQ, International Clinical Nurse Leader Association President, Joselyn White, MHA, MSN, RN, CNL, CMSRN, and Katrina Day-Whitehead, DNP, RN, CNL, PCCN, President and Vice President of the CNLA of the Carolinas, for the inaugural VA CNL Chapter kick-off meeting. The meeting will be held **virtually on Jan, 28, 2026 at 6 pm**. Connect with other CNLs in academia and clinical settings. [Click here for additional information](#).

### Nurse Leader Development Program Opportunity

The next offering of the Nurse Leader Development Program begins **February 18, 2026**. Newly expanded, this **ten-class series** is crafted to elevate the leadership acumen and professional capabilities of nurse leaders and will now award a total of **23 contact hours** upon successful completion! The program is available to all Nursing Directors, Nurse Managers, Assistant Nurse Managers, and Charge Nurses.

Interested? Please contact [Drew Gogian](#) to get enrolled in the next cohort!

### 2026 Annual RN Certification Bonus & Certification Info Events

The deadline for the 2026 Annual RN Certification Bonus is **Sat., Feb. 28, 2026 at 2359**. [Click here](#) for instructions to update or add a professional board certification. Details and eligibility for the bonus are available [here](#).

**Are you currently certified?** Take two minutes to log into Workday to **confirm that your active professional board certification** is entered and the expiration date is correct and not expired.

**Are you newly certified?** Enter your new professional board certification and ensure it is approved by your manager before the deadline. Select the RN approved certification with “-Specialty-” listed after the name.

**Have a question about becoming certified?**

Join us for a **30-minute Virtual Certification Q&A** on **Friday, Jan. 23 at 1200** – Zoom link and information [here](#). All are welcome to attend – bring your questions!

### Save the Date | 2026 Evidence-Based Practice Symposium

Our National Nurses Week activities will kick off with the 2026 Annual EBP Symposium on **Wednesday, May 6**, at an off-site location. Stay tuned for more information and registration details as they are announced.

### Become a NRP Resident Facilitator

Looking for a leadership opportunity in 2026? The Nurse Residency Program (NRP) is seeking Resident Facilitators to coach and Clin 1s in the residency program. Resident Facilitators are experienced nurses who lead small group discussions focused on navigating the clinical environment and UVA Health with nurse residents practicing in similar clinical settings. The groups meet five times during the year-long program, creating an excellent opportunity for coaching, guidance, and support to new nurses. Interested? **Register in Workday** for one of our 2026 NRP Resident Facilitator Workshops held at Northridge and earn two CEs – the **next class is Wed., Jan. 21, 0900–1100**. For additional questions, please contact **April Laughlin**, NRP Coordinator.

## Blast Question Answer

Last week's question: What was one specific change this year in the peer review process?

Blast Answer: Change from two peer reviews to now only requiring one.

Congratulations, **Rebecca Fitzgerald**, RN Clinician 2, Ambulatory, Urology!

**Clara Winfield**, MSN, RN, CAPA, CNL  
Clinician 4 | Outpatient Sgy. Ctr. (OPSC)  
2026 NPGO President

**Megan Mundy**, BSN, RN, CCRN  
Inpatient Charge Nurse | Medical ICU  
2026 NPGO President-elect

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