

NPGO BLAST

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UVA Nursing Practice Updates

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Headlines:

Vocera Critical Maintenance on 2/15

Patient Safety Moment: 5 Rights of Medication Administration - The Right Patient

Last Week's Cardiac Rhythm Interpretation Challenge Answer & Raffle Winner

PRODUCT ALERT: Remove Atrium Oasis Chest Drains from Supply Areas

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 with any questions.

Nursing Updates

Less Than One Week Left to Submit a Nomination for the 2026 Nursing Excellence Awards

Take the time to recognize a deserving colleague by submitting a nomination for one of nine different award categories for the **Nursing Excellence Awards**. The deadline to submit is **Monday, February 16 at 2359**. Email 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.

Countdown is on for the 2026 Annual RN Certification Bonus Deadline

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

Join Us Next Week! NPGO Night Shift Committee Meeting

Spread the word and participate in the February NPGO Night Shift Committee meeting! This committee meets on the **3rd Friday of every month at 0200-0300** in the Medical Center Board Room and a virtual option is available. Click [here](#) to sign up to receive information about monthly night shift meetings and happenings.

Join us **Friday, February 20, 0200-0300** (Thursday's night shift). Light refreshments will be provided. **Recognizing Night Shifters!** The committee is excited to celebrate your recent professional accomplishments at the upcoming meeting. Please use this [survey](#) to share your recent achievements, such as new certifications, promotions, degrees, and more.

American Nurses Association | Call for Public Comment

The ANA is seeking feedback on two items:

- Proposed revision to the **Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice, Fifth Edition**. The deadline for submission of comments is **Thursday, February 19, at 1700**. Submit your feedback by [clicking here](#).
- New position statement “**Addressing Nurse Fatigue to Promote Health, Safety, and Well-Being for All**”. The deadline for submission of comments is **Friday, March 6, at 1700**. Submit your feedback [here](#).

Professional Development

Become a NRP Resident Facilitator

Looking for a leadership opportunity in 2026? The Nurse Residency Program (NRP) is seeking Resident Facilitators to coach new 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., March 25, 0900–1100**. For additional questions, please contact [April Laughlin](#), NRP Coordinator.

2026 Annual Evidence-Based Practice Symposium

The Center of Nursing Excellence proudly announces the **2026 EBP Symposium**. This year's event will highlight emerging tools that streamline and accelerate the evidence-based practice (EBP) process. Contact hours will be provided.

Share this [flyer](#) with your coworkers!

When: Wednesday, May 6 – Two options to select from:

AM Session: 0800-1200

PM Session: 1300-1700

Where: The Wool Factory, located at 1837 Broadway Street, Charlottesville

Registration: Your registration is confirmed once you receive a calendar planner from NPGO.

[Nursing Evidence-Based Practice Symposium 2026 - AM Session](#)

[Nursing Evidence-Based Practice Symposium 2026 - PM Session](#)

Nursing Advocacy Initiative Training Sessions Open!

Nursing Advocacy Initiative (NAI) nurse ambassadors recently traveled to Richmond to participate in Advocacy Day at the Virginia General Assembly, where they spoke with legislators in support of bills that would benefit patients and the nursing profession, attended a committee hearing, and were introduced and honored on the floor of the House of Delegates by Delegate Katrina Callsen.

Join NAI in their advocacy by participating in an upcoming NAI training session on **February 24** or **May 27!** Any registered nurse at UVA Health University Medical Center is eligible to participate in NAI, and can **earn 1.75 CEs**. Find [more information](#) online, or [sign up to receive information](#) on a training session. Contact [Leanne Fox](#) for more information.

Blast Answer

Question: What is the February 2026 Patient Safety Focus? (Hint: Your local professional governance chair can help!)

Answer: 5 Rights of Medication Administration

Follow this link to see all **Monthly Topics!**

Congratulations, Jennifer Kunz, LPN, Dermatology Clinic, February Blast question winner!

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Clinician 4 | Outpatient Sgy. Ctr. (OPSC)
2026 NPGO President

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Inpatient Charge Nurse | Medical ICU
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