

NPGO BLAST

February 19, 2026

UVA Nursing Practice Updates

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

Headlines:

IV Opioid Shortage Update

Additional Tablet Size for Oxycodone

Insulin Syringe Stocking Optimization 2/24

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

Contacting Respiratory Therapy? Use Vocera as Primary Contact Method

This Week's Cardiac Rhythm Interpretation Challenge & Raffle

Interoperability Rate/Dose Change Workflow Reminders

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

Countdown is on for the 2026 Annual RN Certification Bonus Deadline

- Have you logged into Workday recently to verify your certification documentation?
- If you recently became certified, have you entered it in Workday and requested your manager to approve it?

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

Don't Miss Tonight's Night Shift Committee Meeting

We hope you will join us tonight from **0200 – 0300** in the **Medical Center Board Room**. Luella Glanzer will be sharing a Night Shift Mentorship update.

- Meeting details [here](#).
- Enjoy light refreshments.
- 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.

Professional Development

Save The Date: 2026 VNA & VNF Virtual Spring Conference

April 22-23 | No Cost for University Medical Center Nurses!

Join us for this inspiring two-day virtual event designed to celebrate, empower, and elevate the nursing profession. The 2026 Spring Conference, *Embracing the Power of Nurses*, brings together the brightest minds and passionate leaders from across Virginia to explore how nurses are shaping the future of healthcare and redefining the public image of nursing. The virtual conference will be **live April 22-23**, and accessible on-demand through July 31, 2026.

We have partnered with the Virginia Nurses Association to provide the opportunity for all UVA Health University Medical Center nurses to attend the conference at **no cost**. Click [here](#) for more information- there is no need to register. You will be able to access the conference from your personal computer via a link that will be shared closer to the conference date.

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. [Read about it here >>](#)

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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.

Recognition

Congratulations!

- **Sophie Wofford**, RN Clinician 2, Cardiac Transition Unit, has obtained her CV-BC certification.

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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