

# NPGO BLAST

March 26, 2026

## UVA Nursing Practice Updates

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

### Headlines:

Transition to Vial2Bag Vasopressin Administration

IV HYDRORmorphine Shortage Update: Pyxis Stocking Change

Patient Safety Moment: Infection Prevention

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

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.

NEW! Dedicated offerings for Manager training. **Offerings available for enrollment** in Workday.

Tuesday, March 31: 1500 - 1630

Tuesday, June 2: 1500 - 1630

Thursday, September 24: 1500 - 1630

## Nursing Updates

### 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Nursing Excellence Awards Ceremony

The NPGO Awards & Recognition Committee is excited to honor awards nominees (*list of nominees linked below under Recognition*) at the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Nursing Excellence Awards Ceremony **Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>** at the Wool Factory. There will be hors d'oeuvres and mocktails from 1400-1500 and award presentations will begin promptly at 1500.

**\*NEW\*** This year a **livestream will be offered so everyone can view the ceremony**. Please consider organizing your team for a watch party! The change in location has increased capacity for attendees. However, we have also received a record-breaking number of nominations. Seating at the ceremony this year will be limited and as a result the event is invitation-only. RSVP information for the ceremony has been distributed to award nominees and their managers.

You may visit the Center for Nursing Excellence [website](#) for additional information about the awards.

### Photos Celebrating National Certified Nurses Day

Members of the NPGO Professional Development Committee volunteered to bring National Certified Nurses Day celebrations to our teams! On March 19, members rounded during both day and night shifts, and throughout practice areas on and off-grounds. [See the photos here >>>](#)

## New 2026 Calendar of Events for Nurses

The Nursing Center for Excellence sponsors a wide variety of events throughout the year for personal and professional development, governance and research activities, and celebrating all the things that nurses accomplish! Check out upcoming opportunities anytime on our website [here](#).

## Professional Development

### NEW! Professional Development Goal Repository

Looking for ideas for your annual professional development goal? Need suggestions on what to focus on or help writing it in a SMART-goal format? Explore the newly published [Professional Development Goal Repository](#), created by the NPGO Professional Development Committee, to help support nurses in their professional growth goals in this upcoming performance appraisal season.

### 2026 Annual EBP Symposium | Registration Deadline April 29

The **2026 EBP Symposium**, hosted by the Center of Nursing Excellence, will highlight emerging tools that streamline and accelerate the evidence-based practice (EBP) process. Contact hours will be provided. Share this [flyer](#) with your team!

**When:** Wednesday, May 6 | Select from:

**AM Session:** 0800 - 1200 ([register here](#)) – wait-list only

**PM Session:** 1300 - 1700 ([register here](#)) – seats available

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

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

## Recognition

### Congratulations!

**Kim Elgin, DNP, APRN, ACNS-BC, PCCN, CMSRN, FCNS, FAAN, and Kristi Kimpel, MSN, APRN, CCNS, CCRN**, were honored at the National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists 2026 Annual Conference in San Diego, California. **Kim** received The Brenda Lyon Leadership Award and **Kristi** received the Evidence-Based Practice/Quality Improvement Award. [Click here](#) for more information on the awards and to read the full Connect story.

### Celebrating our Nursing Excellence Awards Nominees!

We are excited to recognize University Medical Center's extraordinary nominees for their dedication to the nursing profession and for setting an inspiring example of professional practice and collaboration. We had **over 150 nominees** across 11 award categories. The **list of the 2026 award nominees** can be found [here](#). If you see any of the nominees, please join us in congratulating them!

**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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