

# NPGO BLAST

April 2, 2026

## UVA Nursing Practice Updates

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### Headlines:

Safely Handling Mastisol Liquid Adhesive Ampules

IV Conversion: BBraun Introcan Safety PIVs

Cardiac Monitoring: Annual Education, Training & Competency Verification

Safe Patient Handling & Mobility Highlights: HoverMatt Blowers

Patient Safety Moment: Transfusion Safety

Additional Tablet Size for Oxycodone IR

Emergency Response: Narcan & Bleeding Control Kits Located in Public AED Stations

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, 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.

### 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.

### UVA's Professional Growth Resources for You

[Click here](#) to explore a two-page QR code resource flyer highlighting the wide variety of organizational resources available to support your personal and professional growth. Thank you to the NPGO Professional Development Committee for offering this tool.

### 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.

## Blast Question

**National Nurses Week 2026 is almost here!**

Can you name one event that is new to our Nurses Week celebration this year? (*Hint: there is more than one!*)

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2026 NPGO President

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