

NPGO BLAST

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UVA Nursing Practice Updates

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

Headlines:

Patient Safety Moment: Pre-Release Transfusion Checklist
IV Opioid Shortages - Updates for Morphine Injection
ENFit Kangaroo OMNI Enteral Feeding Pump
Product Alert: Swan-Ganz Thermodilution Catheters
Supply Alert: Pediatric Cap Change Kits

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.

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](#).

Nursing Updates

Don't Miss Tonight's Night Shift Committee Meeting

Join us tonight from 0200 – 0300 in the **Medical Center Board Room!** These meetings are a great way to stay connected and share ideas. We look forward to seeing you there!

- Enjoy light snacks.
- 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.

Nurses Week TV Spotlight | ISO RNs Who Choose Nursing as a Second Career

This year during National Nurses Week, we will again elevate the unique stories of a few University Medical Center Registered Nurses on local media in order to paint a fuller picture for the public about the nursing profession, and to celebrate some of our well-rounded and exceptional nurses. For this year's TV Spotlight, we will highlight peers who chose nursing as a second career. Did you or one of your colleagues become a RN after switching from a different profession? Are you willing to share your story with the public? Email Leanne Fox at leanne.fox@uvahealth.org to learn more!

2026 National Nurses Week Events and Activities

Explore the 2026 National Nurses Week celebrations happening here at the University Medical Center May 6-12. Go to uvanursesweek.com to learn about the special events and various opportunities for participation and fun, as well as team resources, downloadable calendar planners, livestream link for the awards ceremony, and more!

2026 Nurses Week Flyer and Calendar

Special events:

EBP Symposium
NEW! Nurses Walk for Wellness
Food Truck Friday
Drop-In Celebration
NEW! Pop-Up Art Activity
Nursing Excellence Awards Ceremony
NEW! Professional Headshots for RNs
Late Nights at Higher Grounds

Anytime - Anywhere Activities:

Blessing of the Hands
Nurses Week Giveaways
Nightingale Notable Superlatives
Nurse Legacy Hall of Fame
Virtual Scavenger Hunt
NEW! Nurses Walk for Wellness Challenges
Pet Therapy Rounding

Nurses' Voices Needed | Research Study Participation Opportunity

Hospital-based registered nurses 18 years of age or older are invited to participate in a research study examining nurses' job attribute preferences. The online survey takes approximately 15–20 minutes and includes a \$20 electronic gift card upon completion. An optional 30-minute Zoom interview includes a \$25 electronic gift card.

Survey flyer | To participate, please [click here](#)

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2026 Nursing Assistant Awards Nominations are Open!

It's time to recognize all the wonderful things your nursing assistant colleagues have done over the past year! Review the NPGO Nursing Assistant Awards criteria and eligibility requirements and consider nominating one or more team members for one of the award categories below:

- Patient Care Technician of the Year
- Certified Nursing Assistant of the Year
- Certified Medical Assistant of the Year
- Specialty Technician of the Year

Nominations must be at least 300 words and include specific examples! There must be at least one example per criterion to be considered. Click [here](#) to submit a nomination. Nominations **close Thursday, May 7 at 2359** - don't miss this opportunity! If you have any questions about eligibility or need assistance, email npgo@uvahealth.org.

Professional Development

Have questions about becoming Certified? Join Monday's Virtual Q&A!

Join us for a 30-minute Virtual Certification Q&A this **Monday, April 20 at 1300** - [Zoom link and information here](#). All are welcome to attend - bring your questions!

Next Week! 2026 VNA & VNF Virtual Spring Conference - Free for 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.

When: Wednesday, April 22 - Thursday, April 23

Access: [Click here](#) to access the virtual conference April 22-23 from your personal computer; available 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**. There is *no* need to register.

Nurse Leader Development Program Opportunity

The next offering of the Nurse Leader Development Program begins **May 13, 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!

Consider Joining the VNA Board of Directors

VNA Board of Directors position self-nominations are open. The VNA is an organization dedicated to advancing the nursing profession through advocacy, education, and professional development, ultimately improving the quality of healthcare in Virginia.

Click [here](#) for more information.

GE Central Information Center Live Webinar

Additional training sessions are available in Workday for Charge Nurses in CMU supported areas, or for other interested team members. Sign up in Workday. For a reminder about the Cardiac Monitoring Initiative, please review:

[Cardiac Monitoring Requirements - Nursing Center for Excellence](#)

Webinar dates are:

April Dates	May Dates
Monday, April 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1400-1430• 1430-1500	Monday, May 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1730-1800• 1800-1830
Thursday, April 23 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1730-1800• 1800-1830	Tuesday, May 21 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1400-1430• 1430-1500
Friday, April 24 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 0800-0830• 0830-0900	Wednesday, May 22 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 0730-0800• 0800-0830

Recognition

Congratulations

- Congratulations to **Kathy Baker, PhD, RN, NE-BC, FAAN** on being named to **Becker's Healthcare 2026 list of "Hospital and Health System Chief Nursing Officers to Know"**
- Congratulations to **Nancy Fauber, MSN, RN**, who earned the **Virginia Cardiac Services Quality Initiative (VCSQI) Collaborator of the Year award** for 2025, recognizing an individual who exemplifies the spirit of collaboration in advancing the VCSQI/VHAC mission to improve cardiac care and patient outcomes. Her nominators note that she fosters collaboration across multidisciplinary teams to identify barriers and implement effective solutions. Additionally, she

champions a culture of continuous improvement while recognizing and elevating excellence in patient care.

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