

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:

PRACTICE CHANGE ALERT: Chemical Restraints - Go Live June 1st
Override Pulls in Pyxis Will Require a Minimum of 5 Characters Beginning 5/19
Drug Shortage Alert: Morphine 10 mg/mL PF 1 mL Injection
New IV Infusion Pumps and Updated Cleaning & Distribution Process
Guidelines for Service Animals
Coming May 18th: Lippincott Advisor Homepage User Interface Enhancements
Epic Upgrade May 20th: Training Materials Available Now

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

Make Your Voice Heard | Take the Employee Engagement Survey

Your voice matters. Use the individualized link emailed directly to you by Press Ganey, or [click here](#), to access the **2026 Employee Engagement Survey**. Your feedback provides us with nationally benchmarked data that will be shared with individual teams, the organization, and nursing committees, to drive discussion and action planning in the months ahead.

Already completed it? Thank you! Now pass it on and support a colleague to participate, too, before it closes May 18. You can print/post [this flyer](#). The more voices, the stronger our next steps will be!

2026 National Nurses Week Winners & Photos

We loved celebrating with you throughout Nurses Week! The events continue through Nurses Month with rounding to off-grounds ambulatory sites. Details available [here](#).

Be sure to check out the [special TV Spotlight](#) that aired May 8, [photos](#) on the [Nurses Week website](#), along with more to come in future Connect articles. Winners of the prize drawings, virtual scavenger hunt, and Nurses Walk for Wellness Challenge and Group events are also posted and will be contacted shortly with details. Congrats to all!

Nursing Excellence Award Ceremony

The NPGO Awards & Recognition Committee hosted the 26th Annual Nursing Excellence Awards Ceremony at The Wool Factory on May 12. If you were unable to attend, click [here](#) to watch a recording of the ceremony, or use our speed-watcher guide to find a specific category.

Congratulations to our award recipients!

- **Beginning Practitioner of the Year**
 - Lily Jarvis, Infusion Procedural Center
- **Eloise Dodge Gould Pediatric Nursing Award**
 - Anneke Boelens, Newborn ICU
- **Exemplary Clinical Practice**
 - Hope Duncan, Cardiac Transition Unit
- **Excellence in Relationship-Based Caring**
 - Deanna Morales, Renal Unit
- **Excellence in New Knowledge, Innovations, and Improvements**
 - Hillary Bowen, Evidence Based Practice Programs
- **Exemplary Resident/Fellow Physician**
 - Madeline Smoot, Cardiology
- **Friend of Nursing**
 - Dr. Bill Brady, Emergency Medicine
 - Derek Wilson, Facilities Director
- **Licensed Practical Nurse of the Year**
 - Nicole Maupin, Digestive Health Clinic
- **Nurse of Distinction**
 - Val Wiseman, Pediatric Hematology Oncology Battle Building
- **Outstanding BSN Student Preceptor**
 - Ashley Ferguson, Staffing Resource Office
- **Outstanding CNL Student Preceptor**
 - Mason Ellenberger, Acute Cardiology
- **Outstanding APRN Student Preceptor**
 - Kristi Kimpel Wilkins, Surgical Trauma ICU
- **Preceptor of the Year**
 - Emily Rennecker, Thoracic Cardiovascular ICU
- **Thomas Buckley Memorial Endowment Fund**
 - Heather Hastings, Newborn ICU
 - Riley Spitnale, Newborn ICU
- **Transformational Leader**
 - Christie Podbesek, Medical ICU

The NPGO Awards & Recognition Committee wants your feedback! Every year we strive to make this ceremony as meaningful and enjoyable as possible for attendees and nominees alike. If you attended the 2026 Nursing Excellence Awards Ceremony on May 12 at the Wool Factory, please click [here](#) to complete the award ceremony feedback survey to share your thoughts with the committee. Please submit by Tuesday, June 2 at 2359.

Last Chance to Nominate a RN for the VNF 40 Under 40 Award!

The Virginia Nurses Foundation will honor rising nursing leaders at the annual VNF Gala in Fall 2026. Nominate an outstanding nurse who demonstrates achievements in professional practice, leadership, and impact. Award criteria, additional information, and a link to submit nominations can be found [here](#). The deadline to submit a nomination is **May 18, 2026**. Reach out to NPGO@uvahealth.org with questions.

NPGO Office of President-elect | Applications for candidacy are being accepted now through July 31st !

The NPGO Nominating Committee seeks candidates who meet the criteria for **leadership positions in the NPGO**. We know so many of you would be excellent in these roles! We are seeking candidates' names for the 2027 President-elect.

Interested in serving or have questions about the office of President-elect? The Nominating Committee hosted a Panel Discussion featuring recent NPGO Presidents answering some of the most common questions about this important position. You can watch the panel discussion [here](#). See below for a “Speed watcher’s Guide” to questions and content:

Subject/Content	Time Start	Time end
Introduction of panel	00:00	01:09
Main responsibility of President-elect	01:21	03:00
Transition of President-elect to President	03:01	08:32
Immediate Past President role and commitment	08:33	12:02
Best parts of the experience of the Office	12:03	13:53
Time commitment of all three roles/scheduling	13:54	23:32
Typical week/work pattern	23:33	25:15
How to leverage the position to make Professional Governance real and tangible?	25:16	29:02
Impacts to overtime eligibility and opportunity	29:03	32:53
What should be key considerations for anyone interested in this position?	32:54	36:15

If you or someone you know is interested in serving as President-elect in 2027, please complete our [Candidacy Application](#). Applicants will be contacted to schedule an interview with the current Nominating Committee.

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

Certification Champion Boot Camp | Sign up for Tuesday’s Session

Are you a new Certification Champion? Register for the upcoming Certification Champion Bootcamp, hosted by the NPGO Professional Development Committee **Tuesday, May 19, 0800-1000**, in person and via Zoom. Details available [here](#). Other dates available.

Blast Question

Question: What is the last day to complete the UVA Health’s [Employee Engagement Survey](#)?

Answer: Monday, May 18th - 4 more days to share your voice. Use, the link above to complete the survey.

Congrats to **Cassie Manchester**, RN from Employee Health on winning this month's question!

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2026 NPGO President

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