

# 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:

Reminder: Leading Zeroes Not Included in MRNs Printed on Transfusion Tags

Once PRN (IV Acetaminophen) - Medication Ordering Update

Scan to Return Medications to Pyxis - Effective 6/9

Practice Change Reminder: Chemical Restraints - Go Live June 1st

Upgraded BD Alaris IV Pumps Deployed

Past editions are available on the [NPGO Practice News](#) website.

## Nursing Updates

### NPGO Office of President-elect | Applications for candidacy open through July 31!

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 for the 2027 President-elect position.

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.

**18th Annual Nursing Assistant Awards Ceremony!**

Help us celebrate our nursing assistants and this year's **nominees** for the Annual Nursing Assistant Awards during National Nursing Assistant Week. All are welcome to join us on June 16<sup>th</sup> at the Nursing Assistant Awards Ceremony. [Click here to RSVP!](#) For more information about all celebrations taking place throughout National Nursing Assistant Week, June 11 – June 17, [click here](#) to view our Nursing Assistant Week flier.

### **Kahuna Training for Unit Leaders – Now Open for Registration**

Charge RNs, Preceptors, NPDPs/Nurse Educators, Directors, Managers/Assistant Nurse Managers/Supervisors, and Administrative Assistants/Specialists who assist with the onboarding process are encouraged to **register now for Kahuna Unit Leader Training sessions available June 21–July 11.**

Enroll today using the links below and get ready to lead your team in adopting University Medical Center's new competency management system.

**Virtual Kahuna Unit Leader Training Sessions** – have DUO ready to register in Workday

**In-person Kahuna Unit Leader Training Sessions** – have DUO ready to register in Workday

These sessions provide *hands-on access* to the Kahuna training environment, allowing participants to build familiarity and strengthen confidence ahead of go-live. Participants will work independently through a workbook with immediate access to facilitators for questions. 2 hours have been set aside for this class to allow each participant to work at their own pace. Some individuals may finish quickly, while others may take longer.

For more information about Kahuna, including information about training and new FAQs, visit the [Kahuna website](#).

## **Professional Development**

### **Connect with peers. Grow professionally. Be a Mentee or Mentor this fall!**

Be a part of one of the unique Mentorship Programs offered for UVA Health nurses! The 6-month programs are tailored so each Mentee receives the support and resources they need to make progress toward their goals, all while connecting with a Mentor from a different team. [Print/Share](#) this flyer with your team.

**Learn more and sign up today!** The following cohorts begin in September:

- Clinician 1 Transition to Practice
- RN Degree Students
- Self-Discovery
- Experienced Nurses

### **Professional Board Certification Resources | For New & Re-Certifying RNs**

The [Nursing Certification website](#) offers a step-by-step guide for becoming certified – including selecting a professional board certification, study materials, funding resources, and more! For re-certifying RNs, check out the funding resources to cover recertification fees, along with free continuing ed credits to support your goals. Go to [uvacertifiednurses.com](http://uvacertifiednurses.com) for info!

## **Blast Question**

What is the correct way to report exposure to blood or body fluids? Enter your answer [here](#).

## **Recognition**

### **Congratulations!**

- Samantha Simmons**, Charge Nurse, UVA Otolaryngology, obtained her AMB-BC certification.

## Quick Links to Standing Items

- [Champion Resources and Updates.](#)
- Clinical Career Ladder [resources](#), [deadlines](#) and [training](#).
- [2026 Calendar of Events for Nurses](#)
- [UVA's Professional Growth Resources for You](#)

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