

NPGO BLAST

June 11, 2026

UVA Nursing Practice Updates

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

Headlines:

Reminder: Required GE MUSE ECG Training

Patient Safety Moment: Suicide Prevention Environmental Safety Check

New OPA If Next Scheduled Acetaminophen Dose Given Too Soon

BD Alaris Pump and Optimization of RTLS Par Tracking

Secure Chat: PIC Number Translator

Secure Chat: Signing Into 1st Contact

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 16th 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, **view our Nursing Assistant Week flier.**

Kahuna Training for Unit Leaders – 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. Print/Post **this flyer** in your area.

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.**

Celebrate Excellence – Submit an APP Award Nomination

Do you work with an Advanced Practice Provider (APP) who goes above and beyond? Now is your opportunity to recognize their impact. Nominations are open through **July 3** for the **2026 University Medical Center APP Awards.** Take a moment to highlight the outstanding contributions of your colleagues by submitting a nomination **here.**

ICYMI | 2026 Nurses Week Photos

Check out photos from a variety of Nurses Week events, including pet therapy, special events, and on-and off-grounds rounding at **uvanursesweek.com!** A link to the local TV news spotlight featuring **Robin Chandler**, Newborn ICU and **Lofton Neal**, Endocrine Clinic, is also available to watch. Want to see more? Read the **Connect article >>>**

DAISY Nurse Leader Recognition

Recently, the DAISY Award Committee has made the decision to present *two* DAISY Nurse Leader awards each year. Nominations can only be submitted for those in the role of Assistant Nurse Manager or higher. Consider nominating a nurse leader in your practice area for this award. Click **here** to submit a nomination by **June 15th at 2359**, and the recipient will be announced in July.

Next Week | NPGO Night Shift Committee Meeting

Join us for the next Night Shift Committee meeting on Friday, **June 19, from 2:00–3:00 a.m.** in the Medical Center Board Room.

We will be discussing chemical restraints, night shift BLS and RFT offerings and will complete an activity related to the FY27 Nursing Strategic Plan.

Interested in learning more about our monthly night shift meetings and upcoming initiatives? Click [here](#) to sign up. We also encourage you to share your recent professional accomplishments using this [link](#) so we can recognize and celebrate your achievements at an upcoming meeting!

Professional Development

Grow professionally. Become Inspired. 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

NPGO Presidents' Virtual Office Hours

Offered the first Thursday of each month from 1100 – 1200. Our next office hours will be **Thursday, July 2**. We would love to hear from you with questions, thoughts, or for any support with your local professional governance.

[Join Zoom Meeting Here](#) | Meeting ID: 963 1442 0130 | Passcode: 53869417

Blast Question

Question: What is the correct way to report exposure to blood or body fluids?

Answer: Message the group UVMC Employee Blood and Body Fluid (BBF) Exposure in Epic secure chat.

June Winner: **Kirsten Kellenberger** from Acute Cardiology, congratulations! Be on the lookout for a swag bag from the NPGO office!

Recognition

Congratulations!

- **Baylee Slagle**, RN Clinician 2, NNICU, obtained her CCRN certification.
- **Rachel Andrews**, RN Clinician 2, 8 West Stem Cell, has obtained her TCTCN certification.

May BEE Award Recipients

- **Anna Bosworth**, Occupational Therapist Clin 2, Occupational Therapy
- **Hope Wells**, Clinical Laboratory Assistant, IP Phlebotomy

May DAISY Award Recipients

- **Julia Tartabini**, RN Clinician 2, Labor & Delivery
- **Breanna McDonald**, RN Clinician 2, Perianesthesia Main

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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