

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:

ClearGuard HD Antimicrobial Barrier Cap for Hemodialysis Catheters - Coming 7/7

Patient Safety Moment: Equipment Readiness

Updated GLOBO VRI Cart Deployment Begins 6/18

Hazardous Medication Practice Assessment

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.

Nursing Advocacy Initiative Training Session

Use your voice and experience to help improve health care for your patients and profession! Register now to participate in the Nursing Advocacy Initiative's (NAI) upcoming training session. **Sign up now** to join NAI, UVA Health's unique professional, nurse-led, nonpartisan legislative advocacy program that empowers registered nurses to engage directly with legislators. Any UVA Health registered nurse is eligible to participate in NAI, and every UVA Health registered nurse can make a difference.

- Earn **1.5 CEs** for participating in a training session.
- Email Leanne Fox at leanne.fox@uvahealth.org with any questions, or **sign up to participate** in NAI's August training session.

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

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 UVA Health APP Awards**. Take a moment to highlight the outstanding contributions of your colleagues by submitting a nomination here: **Submit an APP Award Nomination**.

Professional Development

Join us for this month's NPGO Night Shift Committee Meeting

Join us early Friday morning, June 19, from 2:00–3:00 a.m. in the Medical Center Board Room. Light refreshments will be provided. A **Zoom link** is available for team members who are unable to attend in person. We hope to see you there!

Questions about Certification? Stop by the Certification Virtual Office Hours

Attend the drop-in virtual office hours with your questions, hosted by the NPGO Professional Development Committee Chair and Vice Chair, on **Wednesday, July 8, 0900-0930**. Download the date, time, and Zoom link to your calendar by **clicking here**.

Are you the Certification Champion for your team? Join us virtually on **Wednesday, July 15, 1500-1600** to discuss running your July certification rate, setting goals for FY27, funding resources, and to share ideas for tracking and coaching your colleagues towards their goal of becoming certified! Download the date, time, and Zoom link to your calendar by **clicking here**.

Grow professionally. Become Inspired. Be a Mentee or Mentor this fall!

Be a part of one of the unique Mentorship Programs offered for University Medical Center nurses and future 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 – open to all levels of degrees
- Self-Discovery
- Experienced Nurses

Recognition

Congratulations!

- **Patricia Shifflett**, Nursing Professional Development Specialist, NPDP, obtained her NPD-BC certification.
- **Veronika Raczek**, RN Clinician 2, Pediatric ER, obtained her CPEN 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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