

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:

Code Status Displays DDNR/POLST DNAR on File in Storyboard
Proper Liquid Disposal
Glucometer Safety Reminders
Patient Safety Moment: Chemical Restraint Safety
RECALL: BD Chloraprep Clear 1 mL Applicators
Substitute Product: Zoll Adult Defibrillator Pads
Naloxone Injection Doses Now Linked to Normal Saline Vials: MAR Update
New MAR Warning for Low Volume Infusions
New MAR Icon for Primary-Only Infusions
New All Medications Timeline Report

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

Nursing Updates

Join Us Tonight for July's NPGO Night Shift Committee Meeting

Join us at the next Night Shift Committee meeting during **tonight's night shift, Friday, July 17, 0200–0300** in the Medical Center Board Room. A [Zoom](#) option is provided for those unable to attend in person.

This month's meeting will feature discussion on **NIOSH Training for Nurses on Shift Work** along with updates and discussion on additional topics relevant to our night shift team. We hope to see you there!

Want to learn more about our monthly night shift meetings and stay connected? Click [here](#) to sign up. Be sure to share your recent professional accomplishments using this [link](#) so we can recognize and celebrate you at an upcoming meeting!

Kahuna – Catch the Wave: It's coming to a unit near you!!

Team members can access University Medical Center's [NEW Kahuna platform](#) through KnowledgeLink via Clinical Links, A–Z Lists, and the Clinician Portal.

To support **go-live on Monday July 20** of the [Kahuna Competency Management System](#), there will be several support systems in place.

- Unit/Department Super User – Ask your unit leader(s) who your identified super users are
- [UVA Kahuna Webpage](#) | Find out about Virtual Drop-in Support Sessions, FAQs, Kahuna Ticketing System, Training options, & future optimizations
- [Virtual Drop-in Support Sessions](#) | Offered every Tuesday and Thursday, as well over the weekend for the first two weeks
- [Service Now](#)/Medical Center Computing Help Desk (434) 924-5334 | Provides 24/7 coverage for difficulties accessing UVA Health Apps.

- **UVA Kahuna Support Library** | User support provided within **Kahuna** via the Help menu. Access by clicking on your name in top right corner, then “Help” and then “Support” to take you to the Support Library. Please feel free to use this option as you prepare for go-live.

Share Your Perspective on Registered Nurse Readiness for Practice Following Orientation

Your input is valued and needed. Summer is the season for newly graduated healthcare professionals, including many new registered nurses, to join our team. *That is why we want to hear from you.* This survey will provide a detailed understanding of our current condition of RN orientation and practice readiness. The survey closes **Tuesday, July 21**. Please know that your responses will be completely anonymous and will never be individually identified. Only you will know how you respond.

Use the quick links below as needed for resources. Questions? Email **Kathleen Rea**.

Link to survey | **Link to flyer for posting**

Time is Running Out to Nominate a Health Unit Coordinator!

Nominations for the 2026 Health Unit Coordinator of the Year are open until **Friday, July 31 at 2359**. The recipient will be presented with their award during National Health Unit Coordinator Week August 23-29. For more information and to submit a nomination, review the **Awards and Recognition Website**. To be considered eligible, nominations must be at least 300 words long.

Only Two Weeks Left! | Applications for NPGO President-Elect 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? Now's the time to ask! The Nominating Committee hosted a Panel Discussion featuring recent NPGO Presidents answering some of the most common questions about this important position. **Watch the recorded discussion** using the **Speed Watcher's guide**.

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

Announcing a Strategic Change to Our NPG Structure

Building on nurse input gathered through the 2025 Verran NPG Survey, Practice Environment Assessments and dialogue sessions with leaders and NPGO Cabinet, we are excited to announce a strategic change to our NPG Structure.

The Clinical Practice Central Committee sunset in June and on July 22, our new Clinical Inquiry & Innovation **Central Committee** (working title) will take its place. This committee includes an intentionally designed **roster** comprised of:

- Minimum 51% direct care clinical nurses with proportionate representation from all practice regions
- Nursing Leaders including Nurse Manager representatives, Nurse Director representatives, ACNOs, and CNO
- Representatives from our Nursing Center for Excellence teams: Nursing Governance, Nursing Professional Development Services, Office of Nursing Research, and Nursing Workforce Center

This positions us to effectively address your feedback while advancing our strategic goals to strengthen evidence-based practice (EBP) and implementation efforts. Our intentionally designed roster brings together the complementary expertise of clinicians and leaders, fostering meaningful collaboration, informed decision-making, and improved efficiency.

Guests are welcome to attend these meetings as well! Visit the [website](#) for meeting details, including a Zoom option!

Professional Development

Annual RN Degree Scholarships | Applications Open Through Aug. 6

UVA Health University Medical Center is offering a scholarship opportunity for eligible University Medical Center employees interested in pursuing any level of nursing degree in the 2026-27 academic year. You do not need to be an RN to apply, and the scholarship is not exclusive to UVA School of Nursing programs — it is applicable to any accredited nursing degree program. Eligibility aligns with the UVA HR Education Benefits Program. Once again, the Office of the Chief Nursing Officer is providing \$90,000 in funding to disburse to support our growing nursing workforce.

Scholarships are applicable to classes taken January 2026 to June 2027 for:

- ADN degree program
- BSN degree program (classes and prerequisites)
- Higher nursing degree program

[Read more, download a flyer, and apply.](#)

Save the Date | 2026 Annual Nursing Summit

Mark your calendar for the **2026 Annual Nursing Summit** being hosted by the NPGO Nursing Summit Planning Committee on **Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2026, 0930-1630** at our *new* location, The Virginia Guesthouse. Registration and details coming soon. Stay tuned for more information!

Print and share [the Save the Date flyer](#).

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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