

NPGO BLAST

August 6, 2026

UVA Nursing Practice Updates

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

Headlines:

Updates to the Suicide Risk Assessment and Prevention Policy

Secure Chat FAQs for Nursing

Patient Safety Moment: Patient Education: Assessing Learning Needs

Tacrolimus Order Enhancements in EPIC

Medication Verification Safety Alert for Unheld Medication Orders: EPIC Update

Droperidol Vial Size Change

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

Professional Development

Due by 2359 Tonight | Applications for Annual RN Degree Scholarships

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*.

Scholarships are applicable to:

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

Important Notes: You do not need to be an RN to apply. The scholarship is not exclusive to UVA School of Nursing programs but is applicable to any accredited nursing degree program. Eligibility aligns with the UVA HR Education Benefits Program. [Learn more and apply by tonight, August 6, at 2359.](#)

Evidence-Based Practice Bootcamp | Save the Date

Plan to join us for the EBP Bootcamp! Workday registration opening in September.

- Session 1 – Thursday, October 8, 1300-1500
- Session 2 – Tuesday, November 3, 1300-1500
- Session 3 – Thursday, December 17, 1300-1500

Find more information on this [flyer](#) – print and share with your colleagues.

Are you a NEW Certification Champion?

Join us virtually on **Wednesday, Aug. 19, 1300-1500** for the **Certification Champion Boot Camp!** We will cover available funding, study resources, team and champion resources, and ways to recognize certified team members. We will help the champions calculate their department's current RN certification rate and work with them to set a realistic goal for increasing that number - aligned with our Nursing Strategic Plan. [Register today!](#)

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 **1.75 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.

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**.

Join us at "Pathogen Pines" - A Back to Basics Summer Camp

You're invited to this drop-in style interactive education session brought to you by Infection Prevention & Control! August 20th and 21st in Dining Conference Rooms 2 and 3 from 0800 – 1700. **Flyer to post**.

Nursing Updates

Are you a Nurse Volunteer?

Have you participated in any volunteer activities as a registered nurse in a local, regional, or global community? Did you receive support from your manager for time away from work and/or utilize your Public Service paid time? If so, we want to hear from you! Please let us know by **completing this form**.

Blast Question

What resource is used for the manufacturer's approved instructions that guide the safe use, cleaning, maintenance, and operation of a device or piece of equipment?

Submit your answer **here**!

Recognition

Congratulations!

- **Taylor Ross**, RN Clinician 2, Stem Cell, has obtained her TCTCN certification.
- **Kayla Blair**, RN Clinician 2, UVA Asthma, Allergy & Immunology Clinic, has obtained her AMB-BC certification.
- **Bobby Meadows**, RN Clinician 2, UVA Asthma, Allergy & Immunology Clinic, has 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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