

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:

Patient Influenza Vaccination Initiative Kick-Off
Optimize Your Delegation & Teamwork!
Ambulatory GLOBO Cart Deployment
Inpatient & ED - Suicide Prevention Documentation Updates Effective 9/21
Pain Documentation Updates Effective 9/21
Patient Safety Moment: Point of Care Testing - Every Step Matters!
Neuromuscular Blockade Medication Safety Alert

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

Nursing Updates

NPGO Committee Call for Interest Survey is Open!

Interested in being a regional representative and voting member on a NPGO Central Committee in 2027?

- [Click here](#) to learn about each committee
- Submit your name via the [Call for Interest Survey](#) by September 25

For more information, use [this link](#) to explore the webpage. Email NPGO@uvahealth.org with questions.

Our 2026 RN Engagement Results are in!

You are invited to a virtual drop-in session to learn what our overall nursing engagement survey results are, as well as to hear how we compare against other academic healthcare organizations as part of our Nursing Excellence Magnet component. We'll spend the first portion reviewing our collective data and then hear what questions and reflections attendees have.

- Friday, September 11, 1030-1115 | [Download a calendar planner](#) with Zoom link
- Wednesday, September 16, 1600-1645 | [Download a calendar planner](#) with Zoom link
- Wednesday, September 23, 0730-0815 | [Download a calendar planner](#) with Zoom link

Drop-in Session information is also available on the [event website](#). We hope you can tune in!

Professional Development

Evidence-Based Practice Bootcamp | Register Now!

We hope you will join us for the EBP Bootcamp! Registration is open in Workday. [Learn more here](#) and share this [flyer](#) with your colleagues to help spread the word!

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

WAITLIST ONLY! | 2026 NPGO Annual Nursing Summit

As of September 2, registration for the 2026 Nursing Summit is full. If you are registered and find that you can no longer attend, please cancel your registration in Workday as soon as possible. This will allow us to offer your spot to a colleague on the waitlist who is eager to participate.

For more information and to add yourself to the Workday waitlist, please visit the [event website](#).

Medical Interpreter Opportunities

Are you fluent in another language? Have you ever considered becoming an approved medical interpreter? Language proficiency testing is required and available through our Language Services team. Find the test request form [here](#)!

Kahuna Updates

Kahuna Super User Role deactivation on September 30, 2026. The Kahuna Super User (SU) role was established specifically to support the go-live process. Now that the implementation has been successfully completed, the Super User role will be deactivated in Kahuna on September 30, 2026. All Super Users, managers, and nurse educators have been sent an email with additional information.

What is coming next?

- The Kahuna team & Life Support Learning Center (LSLC) are actively working on the CertIQ integration. CertIQ is used to track life support certifications. BLS certifications will be the first one to go live.
- UVA Specialty Nursing Role go-live is scheduled for February 2027. This would include the remaining nursing roles that do not have competencies in Kahuna.

Find the answers to your questions in the [“How-to” flyer for preceptors and unit leaders](#). Topics include:

- Can't find your team member/orientee on the team matrix?
- What does N/A mean on the Team Matrix?
- How do you find a specific competency statement?
- Want to know if your preceptor has preceptor access in Kahuna? – follow the instructions on page 4 of the [NPDP FAQ](#).

Blast Question

How many night shift or rotating shift nurses completed the employee engagement survey? (Closest answer without going over wins!)

Submit your answer [here](#)!

Recognition

Celebrating National CNS Week | September 1 - 7

Join us in recognizing our Clinical Nurse Specialists and honoring the expertise, leadership, and innovation they bring to patient care throughout UVA Health. Thank you for your commitment to exceptional care!

Take a moment to [learn more about our CNS team](#), areas of expertise, and when to consult a CNS, and visit the [UVA Health CNS webpage](#).

Congratulations

2026 Health Unit Coordinator of the Year: Timothy R. Fitzgerald, 6 North

Congratulations to **Timothy R. Fitzgerald**, who was honored on August 28th, 2026, as this year's Health Unit Coordinator of the Year! Timothy was nominated 4 times by other members of 6 North who described him as “the heart of the unit” and so much more. Nominations in their entirety and photos from Timothy's award presentation will be published as a **Connect Article** coming soon.

Certification Celebration

- **Kathleen Lipata**, RN Clinician 2, Main OR, obtained her CNOR 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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