

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:

Pain Is More Than A Number

Patient Safety Moment: Point of Care Testing Safety: Patient Identification

Blood Transfusion Reminders

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

Nursing Updates

Be a Voting Member in 2027! NPGO Committee Call for Interest Survey

Interested in being a regional representative and voting member on a NPGO Central Committee beginning January 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 about our overall nursing engagement survey results and 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 listen to questions and reflections from attendees.

- Tomorrow! 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!

NPGO Night Shift Committee Meeting | Launch Party for NS Survival Guide!

Join us next week for our Night Shift Committee Meeting, featuring a special **Launch Party for the newly revised Night Shift Survival Guide!**

We will have refreshments, themed treats, and the opportunity to explore the revised Night Shift Survival Guide. Come celebrate the hard work that went into this resource and help us kick off its official launch.

We strongly encourage everyone to attend in person if possible!

When: Friday morning, September 18, 0200 - 0300

Where: Medical Center Board Room or [Zoom](#)

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](#).

Kahuna Updates

Thank you all for your participation, collaboration, and support as we continue the phased rollout of Kahuna. We ask all to remember: this is a *dynamic process*. We are continuously working to improve our system with goals to reduce redundancy and improve workflows. As additional features, competencies, and specialty roles are introduced, changes to the system will occur frequently. Please pay close attention to incoming Kahuna notifications during this rollout and improvement period. Following project completion, we anticipate transitioning to a more formal change-management process, with updates occurring on a more predictable cadence.

A reminder regarding printed competencies | Because the system continues to change, printed competencies can become outdated immediately. Additionally, a printed competency does not include the full functionality available in the digital version, including rating elements and linked resources. For these reasons, the digital competency within Kahuna should be considered the most complete and current version. We do not recommend facilitating orientation using anything printed from Kahuna.

Submitting Kahuna Tickets | Continue to submit all questions and concerns in the Kahuna ticketing system found on the [Kahuna website](#). This will help the Kahuna implementation team track trends, trouble shoot, make corrections and respond to the submitter. Thank you again for your partnership, patience, and continued support as we work through this implementation and continue to refine the system.

UPDATE: Kahuna Access for Current Preceptors | Managers/NPDPs may submit an Access Management Platform (AMP) request to give current preceptors (precepted prior to June 30, 2026) access to Kahuna **until September 15**. After this date, managers/NPDPs must follow the process outlined in the Preceptor Operational Guideline to obtain access in Kahuna for all current and new preceptors. Please see the [Kahuna webpage](#) for more details regarding AMP access.

The NEW Preceptor Selection Process is Live in Kahuna | Managers/NPDPs who have identified a candidate to become a preceptor can now initiate the selection process on Kahuna! You can find the process outlined below or by linking to the “Preceptor Prerequisites Tip Sheet” found on our new [Precepting at UVA Health webpage](#).

Blast Question

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

Congratulations to **LaShanda Baker** who knew the correct answer was 650!

Recognition

Congratulations!

- **Judy Kauffman**, DNP, RN, CNN, Director of Cellular Therapy and Stem Cell Transplant, achieved her Nurse Executive Advanced certification!
- **Hannah Lesniak**, RN Clinician 2, Population Health, 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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