

NPGO BLAST

October 8, 2026

UVA Nursing Practice Updates

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

Headlines:

Patient Safety Moment: Verify - And Follow - The Current Instructions for Use

Pain Management: Inpatient Required Documentation

Adult Vasopressor Range Orders

October Epic Update Bundle

Your Voice Drives Change: Take the EPIC Experience Survey

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

Nursing Updates

Your Vote Counts! The 2026 NPGO Election Ballot is Open

Voting for the office of 2027 NPGO President-Elect and NPGO Bylaws members is open through October 19. Voting is an excellent opportunity to participate in shared decision making. >>>[Click here to vote](#) (have Duo ready).

If you would like to invite the candidates to your department, please email NPGO@uvahealth.org.

2027 NPGO President-Elect Candidate

[Tracey Keeley](#), BSN, RN, CNRN, Clinician 4, 6 West

Have problems with the ballot? Contact NPGO (4-9357 or NPGO@uvahealth.org).

Next Night Shift Committee Meeting + Flu Shot Opportunity

Two great reasons to join us next week!

- **Night Shift Committee Meeting, Friday, Oct. 16 | 0200 to 0300** in the Medical Center Board Room. We will be sharing updates, discussing topics important to night shift team members, and gathering feedback.
- **Flu Shots Available** | Committee members will be in the DCRs on Thursday, Oct. 15, from 2230 to 0130 (Oct. 16) to help make flu vaccination convenient for our night shift staff.

Professional Development

Virginia Nurses Association 2026 Virtual Legislative Summit

If you missed part of the conference, or want to revisit a session, recordings will be available on the [Legislative Summit Landing Page](#) beginning Oct. 10. Earn nursing contact hours while learning how you can help shape health policy in Virginia. On-demand material is accessible through March 31, 2027. Contact hours are available after completing the [Continuing Education Evaluation](#).

Certification Resources at Your Fingertips!

Interested in becoming certified? Curious about funding for renewal? New to the Certification Champion role or frequently helping your peers in their professional growth?

Join us for one of the upcoming **Certification Events** – designed by the NPGO Professional Development Committee to support your professional achievement.

- **Certification Office Hours** | Gain guidance and answers to your questions
 - **NEXT WEEK Tuesday, Oct. 13, 1200-1230** | Hybrid - Medical Center Board Room and via [Zoom](#) | Download a [calendar planner](#)
- **Certification Champion Boot Camp** | Become an expert in resources to support your team's certification goals
 - Friday, Nov. 13, 0900-1100 | via Zoom | [Register here](#)
- **Certification Champion Meeting** | Explore creative ideas to promote, coach, and celebrate certification with other champions
 - Tuesday, Dec. 8, 1530-1630 | Medical Center Board Room | Download a [calendar planner](#)

Final Nurse Leader Development Cohort Begins Oct. 14!

The final cohort of our current Nurse Leader Development Program will begin Oct. 14, 2026. This will be the last time the program is offered in its current format. Directors, nurse managers, assistant nurse managers, and charge nurses are welcome to be enrolled. Because this is the final cohort, participants will have one opportunity to make up a missed session with this cohort and remain eligible to receive contact hours. Interested? Please contact [Drew Gogian](#) to enroll in the next cohort!

Please Note: For those who have make-up work remaining from previous cohorts and wish to receive contact hours, this will be the final opportunity to attend any missed sessions and complete those requirements.

Looking Ahead to 2027 | We are excited to transition to two new leadership development programs next year!

- A task force is currently working to update and enhance the Charge Nurse Program to better support both inpatient and ambulatory charge nurses.
- NPDS is developing a Nurse Leader Fellowship specifically designed for assistant nurse managers, nurse managers, and nurse directors.

We look forward to sharing more information about both programs as development continues!

2026 Annual Healthcare Education Fair – All Team Members Welcome!

“Sometimes you don't need to have the entire plan figured out – you just need to find out what's available. For me, the Healthcare Education Fair eventually led to nursing school, Earn While You Learn, becoming an RN, and starting a completely new chapter of my healthcare career!” **Ashlyn Hughes, RN, Clinician 1, Main OR.** [Read more here > >](#)

Don't miss out on this special opportunity, where **admissions counselors from across Virginia will be on-site** to talk about their healthcare programs, and **UVA's HR Education Benefits and Career Navigation Center will be available** to discuss steps to further your educational path.

When: Thursday, Oct. 22, 1530 – 1830

Where: Main Hospital Cafeteria

Who: Any team member interested in or curious about going to school for a different role within healthcare or any level of nursing degree

Details: Light refreshments provided & a chance to win prizes

[Click here](#) for the website and flyer – be sure to invite a colleague or two to attend with you!

Register Today | Free Livestream – 2026 ANCC Magnet® Conference General Sessions

Join in the experience via the four *free* general session livestreams of this year's [ANCC Magnet® Conference](#) held Oct. 29-31. Hear from **keynote speakers Riaz Meghji, Robin Roberts, and Jesse Israel,**

be inspired by the exceptional work nurses are doing across the globe and watch the celebration of Magnet® and Pathway to Excellence® designated organizations! We hope you take advantage of this special opportunity.

Click [here](#) to view the schedule and register **before Oct. 23**. Please note – sessions will be livestreamed in Central Time, as the conference is hosted in Chicago, IL. For tech support and viewing recommendations, please review **[ANCC's FAQs](#)**.

EBP Bootcamp

There is still time to join the EBP Bootcamp! Registration remains open in Workday, and you can participate in Sessions 2 and 3 even if you were unable to attend Session 1. Learn more [here](#).

- Session 2 | Tuesday, Nov. 3, 1300-1500
- Session 3 | Thursday, Dec. 17, 1300-1500

Blast Question

Question: Who is the candidate on the 2027 NPGO President-Elect ballot that closes October 16th?

Answer: Tracey Keely, cast your vote before the ballot closes October 16th

Congratulations to **Colleen Di Cesare** from Employee Health on winning this month's blast question.

If you entered your name in the prize drawing, we will be randomly selecting winners today! Please look for an email from us to claim your spooktacular prize!

Recognition

Certification Celebration

- **Tammee Payne**, RN Care Coordinator, Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology, 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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