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:

Brief System Maintenance Downtime: Lippincott Procedures & Advisor
Sustainable Options for Cups & Pantry Supplies - Asking For Your Input!
Closing the Gap: Malnutrition Screening Tool (MST) Within 24 Hours of Admission
You're Invited! Demonstration of New RxCrush Medication Crushing System
CAUTI Coalition: New Urinary Management Panel Goes Live Next Week!
Patient Safety Moment: Minimize the Use of Verbal Orders
Epic "My Impact" Dashboard - Updated Pain Reassessment Reporting
Ambulatory Care Focus - Pain Screening vs Pain Assessment: What's the Difference?

Past editions are available on the NPGO Practice News website.

Nursing Updates

NPGO Night Shift Committee | Special Event

Join us next week at the Fall Back-o-ween Celebration on **Saturday, Oct. 31st from 2300-0200** in the main cafeteria.

Visit the NSC table for some night shift fun! Spin our wheel for fun conversation, candy, and giveaways. While you're there, enter for a chance to win our **2AM Snack Attack Basket** and discover what's new in the revised Night Shift Survival Guide!

Come dressed in your best family-friendly costume! Free coffee and expresso drinks will also be available. Print and share these flyers!

Congratulations to our new NPGO President-elect!

2027 NPGO President-Elect:

- Tracey Keeley, BSN, RN, CNRN, SCRN | Clinician 4, 6 West

Tracy will begin her term as NPGO President-elect in January 2027 and will serve alongside 2027 NPGO President Megan Mundy (Inpt. Charge Nurse, MICU).
Thank you to our 2026 Nominating Committee Chair, **Danita Massie,** MSN, RN, CNL, Nurse Manager for Cardiac Cath Lab, and 2026 members:

- **Mary Carrion** (Quality Improvement Coordinator, Perioperative Svcs.)
- **Taylor (McLarn) Goodwin** (Clinician 2, STICU)
- **Christopher Kremer** (Clinician 3, OPSC Pre/Post)
- **Samantha Loya** (Clinician 4, Medical Transport Network)
- **Kate (Harmon) Messineo** (Clinician 3, MICU)
- **Gabrielle Miller** (Quality Improvement Coord., Children's Hosp.)
- **Robin Passantino** (Clinician 4, Cardiac Transition Unit)
- **Margaret "Mimi" Pohl** (Clinician 4, ECCCC Infusion Proc. Cntr.)
- **Maketah Wyatt** (RN Case Manager 1, Case Management)

Professional Development

Today at 1530 - Stop by the 2026 Annual Healthcare Education Fair!

Come explore a variety of healthcare certificate and degree programs from across Virginia! Speak with UVA's HR Education Benefits and Career Navigation Center to discuss steps to further your educational path and learn about other supportive resources.

When: Today! 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 – we'll see you there!

NPGO Presidents Virtual Office Hours | 1st Thursday of the Month

Our next office hours will be on **Thursday, Nov. 5**, and we would love to hear from you with questions, thoughts or requests for support for your local professional governance.

Join Zoom Meeting | Meeting ID: 963 1442 0130 | Passcode: 53869417

Certification Resources at Your Fingertip

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

- **Certification Champion Boot Camp |** Become an expert in resources to support your team's certification goals. This will be the last one for 2026.
  - **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**

Learn more at **uvacertifiednurse.com** including funding, review materials, test-taking tips, Nurse Leader resources for specialty certifications, and more!

Grow professionally. Become Inspired. Be a Mentee or Mentor this Spring!

Be a part of one of the unique Mentorship Programs offered for University Medical Center nurses and future nurses! The 6-month programs are tailored so each Mentee receives the support and resources they need to make progress toward their goals, all while connecting with a Mentor from a different team. **Print/Share** this flyer with your team.

Learn more and sign up by Nov, 23! The following cohorts begin in January:

- Clinician 1 Transition to Practice
- RN Degree Students – open to all levels of degrees
- Experienced Nurses
- Nocturnal Leaders - for night shift and rotating nurses
- Self-Discovery

More information about the revised Formal Nurse Leader Mentorship Program will be coming soon, as we integrate this valuable resource into the Nurse Leader Transition To Practice Program coming soon in 2027.

Kahuna Updates

Kahuna CertIQ is a new feature in Kahuna that allows nurses and unlicensed assistive personnel (UAPs) to manage and track their **life support certifications**.

Phase 1: Focuses on Basic Life Support (BLS) certifications only. Additional life support certifications will be introduced in future phases.

Important Dates

- Nov. 2**:** Nurses and UAPs who do not have a BLS certification card image in Workday can begin uploading BLS certification card images directly into Kahuna CertIQ.
- Dec. 7**:** BLS Certification card images that exist in Workday will be migrated into Kahuna CertIQ.
- Dec. 31**:** Deadline for all existing BLS certification cards to be uploaded into Kahuna CertIQ.

What About Workday?

The Kahuna team is partnering with IT to import BLS certification card images from the Certification section in Workday. This will be completed by Dec. 7.

- If you have an active BLS certification card image in Workday, you do not need to upload it to Kahuna CertIQ. This will be done for you.

What do I need to do if my BLS card image is not in Workday?

- Make sure you have access to an image or the physical copy of your BLS card.
  - If you haven't already done so, claim your BLS card from the American Heart Association or American Red Cross site
- Upload your BLS Certification image into CertIQ between Nov. 2 and Dec. 31 following the instructions on the **guide** or **video**

Resources:

- CertIQ User guides and training videos will be available in the **Kahuna Support Library**
- CertIQ Informational flyer
- Video

Support:

- Kahuna Support Library
- Kahuna ticketing system will include a CertIQ option
- Email NPDServices@uvahealth.org or LSLC@uvahealth.org

Recognition

Congratulations!

UVA Health's Pharmacy Medication Safety Team Recognize Team Members for Advancing Medication Safety and Supporting Patient Care

Click here to read more on Connect.

2026 DAISY Nurse Leader Award Recipients

- **Katherine Kois, MSN, RN,** Nurse Manager, Perianesthesia Main
- **Ryan MacDonald, MSN, RN,** Quality Director, Perioperative Services
- **Felicia Samuel, MSN, RN, CV-BC,** Nurse Manager, Heart Center

September DAISY Award Recipients

- **Allison Goldschmidt,** RN Care Coordinator, Cancer Clinic Fishersville
- **Travis Grammo**, RN Clinician 2, CV ICU

September BEE Award Recipients

- **Devora Henderson,** Patient Care Technician, Staffing Resource Office

- **Cassidy Bianchi,** Patient Care Technician, Staffing Resource Office

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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2026 NPGO President

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