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

Project Rover: Nursing Shared Mobile Device Rollout

Epic Upgrade and Survey Reminder

Reminder: Do Not Discard the Heat-On-Demand Meal Tray Bases

Transport Monitor Improvement Process - Starting Week of 10/28

Updated Blood Product Administration SOP

Joint Commission Window Opens January 2027

Patient Safety Moment: Regulatory Readiness - Where Do You Get Your Practice Guidance?

This Week's Pain Reassessment Stars

You're Invited! Demonstration of New RxCrush Medication Crushing System

Change in Norepinephrine 4 mg/250 mL Premix Bags

Past editions are available on the **NPGO Practice News** website.

Nursing Updates

We Want to Hear From You | National Nurses Week Planning

Every year, a team of nursing colleagues work diligently to celebrate University Medical Center nurses during National Nurses Week and Month. The workgroup intentionally plans a variety of activities and events, including some that are location and date specific and others that are available anytime-anywhere, knowing that UVA nurses work 24/7 across Central Virginia in a wide variety of roles and settings.

As the workgroup begins to plan for 2027, we would like your input and reflections on the **2026 activities and events**. We also invite you to sign up to be a part of the planning workgroup. Click **here** to provide our feedback and sign up for the workgroup.

Fall Back-o-ween Celebration

Join the NPGO Night Shift Committee (NSC), along with other groups, this **Saturday, Oct. 31st from 11:00pm-2:00am** in the main cafeteria for a spooktacular evening of fun and festivities!

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**!

Inviting Your Feedback: FY27-29 Nursing Strategic Plan and Priority Map:

The Nursing Strategic Plan aligns with the UVA Health Strategic Plan and reflects our shared commitment to advancing nursing excellence and continuously improving the practice environment. Grounded in our Nursing Professional Practice Model, this updated draft has already been informed by the voices of nurses across all levels of the organization.

Our collaborative revision process continues through our **Open Comment & Editorial Review Period:**

Please review the **Fy 27-29 Strategic Plan and Priority Map** and share your comments, recommendations, and editorial suggestions by **November 10th.**
Highlight strengths, identify opportunities for improvement, and suggest revisions to enhance clarity and impact. Every perspective contributes to advancing our shared commitment to excellence.

Thank you for lending your expertise to this important review process.

Professional Development

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 in 2027.

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!

NPGO Presidents virtual office hours

First Thursday of each month from 1100–1200. Our next office hours will be on **Thursday, November 5** and we would love to hear from you with questions, thoughts or for any support with your local shared governance.

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

Recognition

Certification Celebration!

- **Christine Bernat**, RN, OPSC PACU, obtained her CPAN certification.
- **Todd Donovan**, RN Clinician 2, Endoscopy, obtained his CGRN.
- **Jody Farmer**, Director of Digestive Health, obtained her CNML.

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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