**NPGO BLAST**
***November 12, 2026***

## UVA Nursing Practice Updates

Click here to read the full updates, and print & post for your practice area!

**Headlines:**
Now Live! New Epic Workflow for Restraint Face-to-Face Evaluations
Backorder & Substitution - Curos Caps & Curos Tips
CHG Skin Wipe Backorder: Product Substitution Update
Archived Guidance Documents
Transition to Shiley Flex XLT Tracheostomy Tubes, Effective 11/17
Lab and Blood Bank Survey November 19th and 20th
This Week's Pain Reassessment Stars
TJC Readiness: Central Temperature Monitoring - Device Installation Nov. 9-20

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

## Nursing Updates

**2026 Annual Nursing Summit Reminder**
We cannot wait to see everyone at the NPGO Nursing Summit on **Wednesday, Nov. 18**! If you are registered but your plans have changed and you are *no longer* able to attend, please take a moment to log into Workday and drop the event. We currently have a waitlist and would appreciate the opportunity to offer your seat to another team member who would like to attend.

**NPGO Presidents Virtual Office Hours | 1st Thursday of the Month**
Our next office hours will be on **Thursday, Dec. 3 from 1100-1200**. We would love to hear from you with questions, thoughts or any support needed for your local professional governance.
**Join Zoom Meeting** | Meeting ID: 963 1442 0130 | Passcode: 53869417

**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 share your feedback and/or sign up for the 2027 Nurses Week Workgroup.

## Professional Development

**In Case You Missed It | 2026 Annual Healthcare Education Fair Resources**
Program details and contact information for the various schools and programs are available on the **event website** in case you couldn't attend the **2026 Healthcare Education Fair** held on Thursday, Oct. 22. A big thank you to the NPGO Professional Development Committee for hosting this event!

**Make A Plan to Become Certified**
The deadline to ensure your active professional board certification is entered and verified in Workday, the expiration date is correct and not expired, AND everything is approved by your manager for the **2027 Annual RN Certification Bonus** is **Sunday, Feb. 28, 2027 @ 2359**.

- Details and eligibility for the bonus are available **here**.
- Not certified? Use the resources provided on the ***Getting Certified for the First Time* webpage** to explore how you can achieve this professional milestone.

## Kahuna Updates

**Kahuna CertIQ– BLS CERTIFICATION MANAGEMENT WITHIN KAHUNA**

To ensure BLS certifications can be reviewed and verified, please follow the requirements below when uploading documentation into Kahuna CertIQ.

**BLS CARD IMAGE UPLOAD REQUIREMENTS:**

- Upload an image of either your BLS certification card or your BLS certificate directly into Kahuna (not Workday).
- If uploading a BLS Card:
  - Upload an image of the entire card.
  - Ensure the QR code and certification number are clearly visible and readable. Blurred images will be rejected.
- If uploading a BLS Certificate:
  - Upload an image of the entire certificate page.
  - Ensure all information is visible and legible. Blurred images will be rejected.
  - Include a clear image of the QR code, if applicable. (American Red Cross certificates do not include a QR code.)

**Important:** Please ensure the uploaded document is complete, legible, and includes all applicable verification information. Incomplete or unclear images may delay the review and approval process.

**REVIEW PROCESS:**

Cards will be reviewed and approved or rejected by the Life Support Learning Center (LSLC) team members on or by Dec. 31. Some cards may be approved earlier as the LSLC works through the review process.

**RESOURCES:**

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

**Kahuna Competency Management System**

The Kahuna Team is in the optimization phase. For details, refer to Optimization Updates located near the bottom of the **Kahuna** website

## Recognition

Congratulations to our most recent NPGO Clinical Career Ladder advancees! All advancements for the October 2026 cycle are effective 11/8/2026.

**Advanced to Clinician 3**

- **Kayla Blair**, Allergy Clinic
- **Shaula Bodkin**, PACU
- **Nicole Bucci Brooks**, 5 South
- **Audrey Colby**, TCV ICU
- **Travis Grammo**, TCV ICU
- **Michelle Hupman**, PACU
- **Bobbie Meadows**, Allergy Clinic
- **Audrey Overton**, 5 West
- **Joshua Pelletier**, Main OR
- **Katherine Potter**, Emergency Department
- **Stephanie Racer**, OCIR Pre/Post
- **Meghan Schaefer**, PICU

- **Abbie Witrak**, TCV ICU
- **Maddie Yancey**, Stem Cell Transplant Unit

**Advanced to Clinician 4**

- **Amy Crabb**, Pain Management Center
- **Tracy Morice**, TCV ICU

## 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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