

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:

Patient Safety Moment: Teach-Back - Confirming Understanding
Contacts for Vascular Access Device Assistance
Product Substitution - Curoc Caps & Curoc Tips | Aseptic Access Scrub The Hub
Envella Air Fluidized Therapy Bed: Key Points for Nursing Clinicians
MAR Will Highlight Route of Administration Beginning 8/18
Continuous Infusion Dispensing Update from Pharmacy

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

Professional Development

Evidence-Based Practice Bootcamp | Don't Miss It!

Plan to join us for the EBP Bootcamp! Workday registration opening in September.

- Session 1 – Thursday, October 8, 1300-1500
- Session 2 – Tuesday, November 3, 1300-1500
- Session 3 – Thursday, December 17, 1300-1500

Find more information on this [flyer](#) – print and share with your colleagues.

Professional Board Certification Resources

New Pre-Pay Voucher Program available for CAPA & CPAN certifications!

We are excited to have established a contract with ABPANC, enabling us to offer two new voucher programs to support certification! Eligible team members can now get pre-paid vouchers for **CPAN** and **CAPA** certifications to test with zero out-of-pocket costs. Learn more about these and other [pre-pay voucher programs](#) available and apply well in advance of scheduling the exam. Print and post [this flyer](#) for your team.

Boot Camp for New Certification Champions

Join us virtually on **Wednesday, Aug. 19, 1300-1500** for the **Certification Champion Boot Camp!** We will cover available funding, study resources, team and champion resources, calculating rates and setting goals, and ways to recognize certified team members. [Register today!](#)

Nursing Advocacy Initiative Training Session

Use your voice and experience to help improve health care for your patients and profession! Register now to participate in the Nursing Advocacy Initiative's (NAI) upcoming training session. **This will be the last training session before our January Advocacy Day**, so [sign up now](#) to join NAI, UVA Health's unique professional, nurse-led, nonpartisan legislative advocacy program that empowers registered nurses to engage directly with legislators. Any UVA Health registered nurse is eligible to participate in NAI, and every UVA Health registered nurse can make a difference.

- Earn **1.75 CEs** for participating in a training session.
- Email Leanne Fox at leanne.fox@uvahealth.org with any questions
- [Sign up to participate](#) in this month's NAI training session on **Tuesday, Aug. 25, 1500-1630.**

2026 NPGO Annual Nursing Summit | Registration is now open!

Feel More. Know More. Care Exceptionally.

Join us for the 2026 Nursing Summit as we explore what it means to bring humanity to the work we do every day in healthcare. Nursing is both an art and a science, requiring not only clinical expertise, but meaningful human connection. Together, we'll reflect on the relationships that shape our experience as nurses. We will discover how meaningful connections with colleagues and patients can foster belonging and remind us that we were never meant to do this work alone. Through inspiring stories and engaging discussions, you'll leave with a fresh perspective and renewed purpose for the work ahead.

When: Wednesday, November 18 | 0930 – 1630

Where: The Virginia Guesthouse | 2017 Ivy Road, Charlottesville

Registration: Click [here](#) to register in Workday. Seats are limited, and registration is required. Your registration will be confirmed when you receive a calendar invite from NPGO.

For more information, explore the [event website](#). Click [here](#) to print and share the flyer.

Join us at “Pathogen Pines” - A Back to Basics Summer Camp

You're invited to this drop-in style interactive education session brought to you by Infection Prevention & Control! August 20th and 21st in Dining Conference Rooms 2 and 3 from 0800 – 1700. Click for a [flyer](#) to post.

Nursing Updates

Join Us Next Week! | NPGO Night Shift Committee Meeting

Join us for our next Night Shift Committee meeting as we connect, share ideas, and discuss topics that matter to our night shift team!

When: Friday morning, August 21, 0200 – 0300

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

On the agenda: Night Shift Press Ganey Employee Engagement Survey Results

Are you a Nurse Volunteer?

Have you participated in any volunteer activities as a registered nurse in a local, regional, or global community? Did you receive support from your manager for time away from work and/or utilize your Public Service paid time? If so, we want to hear from you! Please let us know by [completing this form](#).

Want to learn more about our monthly night shift meetings and stay connected? Click [here](#) to sign up. Be sure to share your recent professional accomplishments using this [link](#) so we can recognize and celebrate you at an upcoming meeting!

Kahuna Updates!

FAQs, Tips & Tools for Leaders and Team Members!

- **Existing/Grandfathered Preceptor Process** (Precepted prior to June 30, 2026)
 - Until September 15, 2026, Unit Leaders may submit an Access Management Platform (AMP) request to give **existing preceptors** (precepted prior to June 30, 2026) access to Kahuna; refer to the [UVA Kahuna](#) page for this information.

- After this date, the process for new preceptors as described on the [Preceptor Training & Resources](#) page will be required for the team member to obtain preceptor access in Kahuna.
- **HR Orientation & Organizational Modules competencies** – not completing
 - The Kahuna team is aware that Workday Module completions are not correctly conveying over to Kahuna for many HR and Orientation competencies which is preventing competencies from being able to be signed off.
 - Leaders should focus on getting the competencies within assigned tiers and individual competencies signed off. As the Kahuna team begins to resolve this issue, you will see that the competencies are marked “Complete”
 - Tip: Collapse the onboarding bar (gray) to remove the HR and Orientation competencies from your visual area
- For help and a quick “How-to” reference for the following items, explore our newly published  [flyer](#):
 - Competency Roles
 - Searching for a specific competency statement
 - What is a Rating Element?
 - Leadership Tips

Blast Question

Question: What resource is used for the manufacturer's approved instructions that guide the safe use, cleaning, maintenance, and operation of a device or piece of equipment?

Answer: One Source or IFU

Congratulations to **Mandy Winton**, Inpatient Charge Nurse, Emergency Medicine!

Recognition

National Health Unit Coordinator Week is celebrated August 23–29.

The UVA Health University Medical Center 2026 HUC of the Year will be announced during HUC week.

Congratulations to all the nominees!

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| ● Aimea Kuhstoss 3 Central | ● Lori Layne Staffing Resource Office |
| ● Anaya McClinton 6 West | ● Maria G Torres 5 South Organ Transplant |
| ● Cierra Burton MICU | ● Sade Fields Newborn ICU |
| ● Dianne Ogorzaly 5 West | ● Tanza Carter 7 Acute |
| ● Elaine Patterson CV ICU | ● Timothy R Fitzgerald 6 North |
| ● Julie Bunch 3 West | |

Keep an eye out for the recipient announcement in Blast, UVA Connect, and on the [Nursing Center for Excellence](#) website.

July DAISY Award Recipients

- [Kaylee Chrisman](#), RN Clinician 2, MICU
- [Sahaya Bose](#), International RN, Mother/Baby - Presented by Health Carousel International PassportUSA
- [Chelsea Lopez](#), RN Clinician 2, Surgical Trauma ICU

July BEE Award Recipients

- [Pamela Morris](#), Administrative Operations, Nursing Governance Program

- **Lauren Voyles**, Chaplain, Chaplaincy Services

Congratulations!

Chris Memering, MSN, RN, CDCES, BC-ADM, FADCES, Clinical Program Coordinator, Diabetes Education and Management Program as newly elected President-Elect with the Association of Diabetes Care & Education Specialists.

Steve Zortman, MPH, RN, PMH-BC, CDCES, Program Manager, Diabetes Education and Management Program recently elected to the Nominating Committee for the Association of Diabetes Care & Education Specialists.

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](#)

Clara Winfield, MSN, RN, CAPA, CNL
Clinician 4 | Outpatient Sgy. Ctr. (OPSC)
2026 NPGO President

Megan Mundy, BSN, RN, CCRN
Inpatient Charge Nurse | Medical ICU
2026 NPGO President-elect

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