



Nursing News

August 2021



Congratulations to:

- Coral Cabrera, RN, Linda Rosenberg, RN, Karla Vallejo, RN, who passed their NCLEX and are beginning their journey in our RN residency program.
- Arlene Kritzer passed her Pain Management Certification exam
- Anne Moss, RN (ICU) obtained her CCRN certification.
- Amanda Previdi, Hyperbaric Tech, graduated from Mercy College in June & has passed her NCLEX exam.
- Natasha Yates, BSN, RN (ICU) received her CCRN certification.

Kudos to All!

Organizational Development Department Classes: [Register in iLearn](#)

- **CPI (Renewal)** – September 1, 9am-1pm, Auditorium; October 1, 9am-1pm, Auditorium
- **CPI (Initial)** – September 30, 8am-4pm, Auditorium
- **Conflict and Delegation Workshop** – September 9, 8:30am-4:30pm, Auditorium
- **Evidenced Based Practice Workshop** – September 28, 9am-1pm, Auditorium
- **Preceptor Workshop** – November 3, 8:30am-4:30pm, Auditorium

Reminder: If you need a BLS classes, they fill up quickly due to COVID restrictions. Register at least 3 months before your card expires by calling Organizational Development at x 3166!

Educational Opportunities:

- 2021 Pain Management Virtual Conference, Pain Management Across the Care Continuum: Roxanne Favor; A Journey to Creating Comfort, Tuesday, Sept. 14, 12:00pm-4:00pm. Registration via [Northwell.edu/NursingEvents](https://www.northwell.edu/NursingEvents).
- Northwell Health's Perianesthesia Virtual Conference, Sat., Sept. 25, 2021, 9:00am-12:00pm Early Bird Tickets \$30 for Northwell employees!
- 27th Annual Nursing Research & EBP Conference: Dissemination & Implementation: Nurses as Influencers – November 4 – 5, 2021, 8am – 4pm (**see attached**). Zoom platform
- Perioperative Grand Rounds: Free 1 hour virtual educational sessions from Northwell starting Sept. 29, 2021(**see attached flyer**).

- *LIVE class at Phelps - Special-T Caring for Pediatric Patients: October 26, 2021, Phelps Auditorium. Registration through iLearn, search for Phelps Special-T: Caring for Pediatric Patients". See **attached flyer**.
- Behavioral Health Inservices via Zoom. See **attached flyer** for dates and topics. Register by rsvp to talexandre@northwell.edu

Upcoming Virtual Certification Reviews

Psych Mental Health Virtual Certification Review Course:

October 12, 14, 19 and 21, 2021

All sessions are 4:00pm - 7:00pm via Zoom

Employee Price: \$325 for 12.0 Contact Hours

[Click Here for eligibility requirements.](#)

Search "**Psych Mental Health Certification Virtual Fall Review Course 2021**" on iLearn to register for virtual review course.

Nurse Executive Virtual Certification Review Course

September 21, 22, 28 and 29, 2021

All sessions are 4:00pm - 7:00pm via Zoom

Employee Price: \$325 for 12.0 Contact Hours

Groups of 10+ can receive certification exam group discount.

[Click Here for eligibility requirements.](#)

Search "**Nurse Executive Certification Virtual Review Course 2021**" on iLearn to register for virtual review course.

*Medical-Surgical Virtual Certification Review Course

October 19, 21, 26, and 28, 2021

NEW DATES! Dec 2, 7, 14, and 16

All sessions are 4:00pm - 7:00pm via Zoom

Employee Price: \$325 for 12.0 Contact Hours

[Click Here for eligibility requirements.](#)

Search "**Medical Surgical Certification Virtual Fall Review Course 2021**" to register for virtual review course.

*Ambulatory Virtual Certification Review Course

September 27, 28, October 4, and 5, 2021 | All sessions are 5:00pm - 8:00pm via Zoom

Employee Price: \$325 for 12.0 Contact Hours

[Click Here for eligibility requirements.](#)

Search "**Ambulatory Certification Virtual Fall Review Course 2021**" on iLearn to register for virtual review course.

****Medical-Surgical and Ambulatory Certifications - Initial certification exams qualify to be taken under the Northwell Health/ANCC's Success Pays® Program.**

For course outlines, instructor information or ANCC's Success Pays® Program, please contact Ashley Franklin, afranklin2@northwell.edu

Skin Champion Class and Renewal Skin Champion Class:

We are offering two Skin Champion Classes again this year to support all those interested in being a Skin Champion in 2022.

The 2-day **Skin Champion class** is for any nurse that has never taken a Skin Champion class. **See the attached flyers.** Those nurses interested in the class must:

1. Get the support of their manager
2. Exchange one 12-hour shift for the 2 classes (each class is 6 hours)
3. Attend two of the four Pressure Injury Prevalence Data collection days in 2022 (Feb, May, Aug, Nov)
4. Be added to the Vocera "Skin Champion pool"
5. Consider becoming a member of the Pressure Injury Resource Team Committee

The **Skin Champion RENEWAL class** is for any nurse that has taken the Skin Champion classes in the past. See attached flyers. Those nurses interested in the class must:

1. Get the support of their manager
2. Exchange one 12-hour shift for the one-day class (7hours) and 4 hours of trailing a WOC Nurse
3. Attend two of the four Pressure Injury Prevalence Data collection days in 2022 (Feb, May, Aug, Nov)
4. Be added to the Vocera "Skin Champion pool"
5. Consider becoming a member of the Pressure Injury Resource Team Committee

Any interested nurses must register on iLearn. We are looking forward to the 2022 Skin Champion nurses!

For questions specific to program content, please contact Deborah Reynolds

Infection Control and Prevention:

***On July 16, 2021 The New York State Health Department released a Health Advisory for Legionellosis.** Medical provider recognition of the possibility of Legionnaires' disease (in persons with pneumonia), Pontiac fever (in persons without pneumonia) or Extrapulmonary Legionellosis (in persons with Legionella in sites outside of the lungs) coupled with **appropriate diagnostic testing** is critical to the identification and investigation of community clusters.*

Remember to obtain a urine and a sputum concurrently when testing patients for Legionella.

See attached "What Clinicians Need to Know about Legionnaires' Disease".

Medication Safety:

- When a patient is ordered IV fluids and / or medications and is going to the Operating Room or other procedural area, please continue the fluids; **do not stop** the fluid administration. If fluids are stopped without an order, the RN stopping the fluids is non-compliant with the physician order.
- If a patient is admitted with continuous administration of a medication through a port, for instance chemotherapy, please ensure that there is an order to continue administration of that medication or discontinue it.

Blood Transfusions and Transportation of Patients:

For any patient with blood or blood products actively infusing, if the patient needs to be transported off the unit, **they must be accompanied by an RN**, NP, Physician or PA.

In addition, the patient may not be transported within first 15 minutes of transfusion, until second set of vital signs are complete, unless an emergency exists.

Reference: Northwell Clinical Policy and Procedure Manual Policy #: PCS.1618 Transport of the Adult Patient within a Facility

NDNQI – 2021 RN Survey:

Phelps is a proud member of *The National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators*. We are participating in the RN Survey from **September 13, 2021 – October 3, 2021**.

Instructions on how to access the survey are attached. Note that Google Chrome is the preferred browser. Not compatible on a mobile phone.

Northwell Lab will be resulting Culture Specimens:

The Phelps' Lab has transitioned the culture testing to the Northwell Core Laboratory. The Phelps' Lab is manually changing the Meditech OE dictionaries to point the former test to the new test. Applicable order sets will also be updated. Below is a crosswalk from the former test to the new test.

FORMER DESCRIPTION	NEW DESCRIPTION
CATH TIP CULTURE	CULTURE, CATHETER
FLUID CULTURE WITH GRAM STAIN	CULTURE, BODY FLUID
GC CULTURE ONLY	CULTURE, N. GONORRHOEAE (GC)
GENITAL CULTURE- FEMALE	CULTURE, GENITAL
GENITAL CULTURE- MALE	
TISSUE CULTURE WITH GRAM STAIN	CULTURE, TISSUE
WOUND CULTURE - AEROBIC	CULTURE, WOUND (SURFACE)
WOUND CULTURE AEROBIC W/ GRAM	CULTURE, ABSCESS
	CULTURE, ASPIRATE
	CULTURE, EYE
	CULTURE, SURGICAL SWAB (AER/AN)

Current Order

No.	Pri	Date	Time	Status	Stop/Renew	My	Link
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CULTURE, ABSCESS	MICROBIOLOGY
CULTURE, ASPIRATE	MICROBIOLOGY
CULTURE, BODY FLUID	MICROBIOLOGY
CULTURE, CATHETER	MICROBIOLOGY
CULTURE, EYE	MICROBIOLOGY
CULTURE, GENITAL	MICROBIOLOGY
CULTURE, N. GONORRHOEAE (GC)	MICROBIOLOGY
CULTURE, SURGICAL SWAB(AER/AN)	MICROBIOLOGY
CULTURE, TISSUE	MICROBIOLOGY
CULTURE, URINE	MICROBIOLOGY
CULTURE, WOUND (SURFACE)	MICROBIOLOGY

Attached is a culture collection guide. Please note the addition of the “E-swab” which is preferred for many of the “swab” specimens. This swab is used by the core lab’s automated instrument. If not used, the specimens are prepared manually causing a delay in testing. Giovanna Conti-Robles has already placed this swab on your pars. Please review the guide to ensure proper inventory.

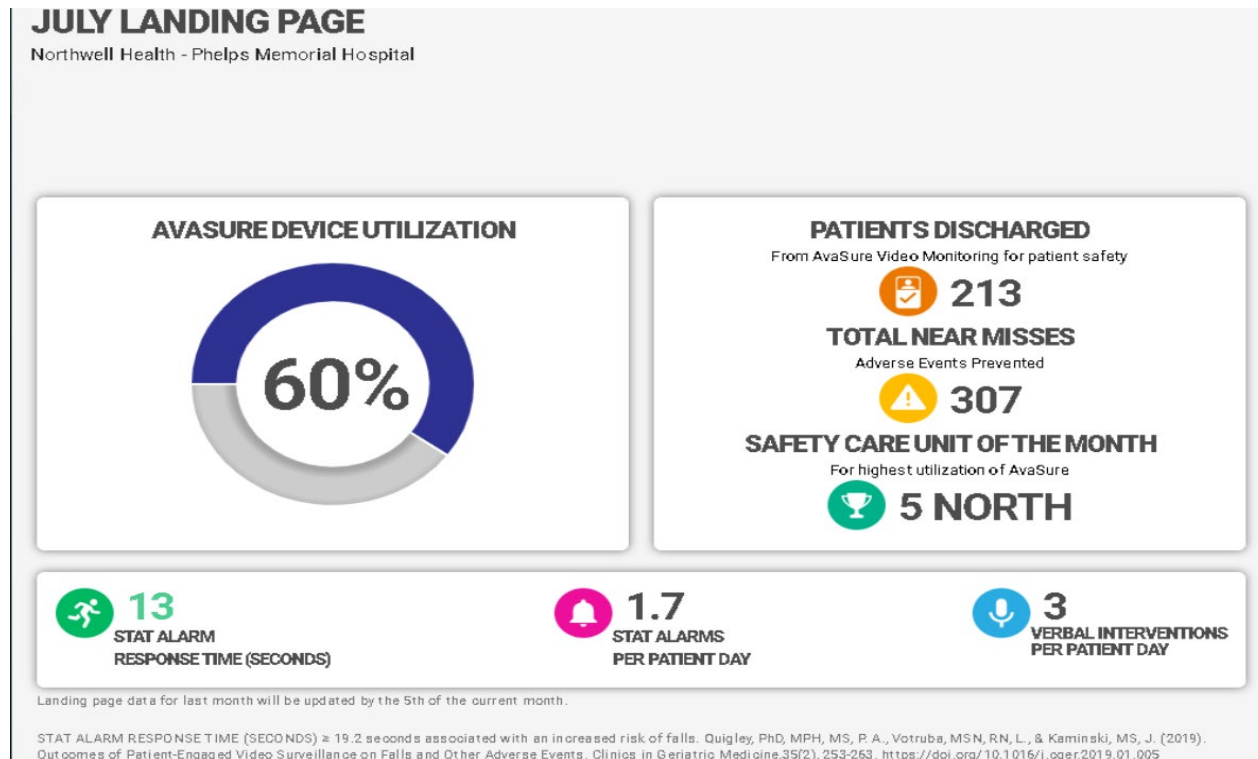


RN Residency Program:

The RN residents who started in April 2021 (**Cohort 9**) finished their orientation and started their first of nine Northwell modules in July. Congratulations to **Alyssa Anzovino (5North)**, **Stephanie Diez (2 Center)**, **Latonia Edwards (2 North)**, **Cassandra Martin (2 Center)**, **Allison O'Mara (2 North)**, and **Alexis Petnuch (5 North)**.

Our latest group of RN residents (**Cohort 10**) started this month. **Coral Cabrera**, **Sabrina Haussmann**, **Kevin McKeever**, **Linda Rosenberg** and **Karla Vallejo** will be working on the Med/Surg units and **Ajith Joseph** and **Amanda Nadler** will be working on 5South. Welcome and best of luck to our residents as they begin their professional journey.

Telesitter:



Great job with keeping stat alarm < 19! Opportunities: • Utilization goal = 90% • Verbal interventions dropped from 4 (June) to 3 (July), goal = 12

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