

# **Clinical Practice Program**

* The Office of Nursing Services (ONS) Clinical Practice Program (CPP) supports VA nursing practice at the point of care, providing guidance and supporting field-based operations in high risk patient populations
* CPP is comprised of 13 Field Advisory Committees (FACs) which include: cardiology, mental health, perioperative, diabetes/metabolic syndrome, pain management, pressure injury prevention, geriatrics/extended care, community livings center, polytrauma/rehab./spinal cord injury, emergency dept, primary care, intensive care unit/inpatient medicine, and oncology.
* Each FAC is chaired by field-based Clinical Nurse Advisors who are subject matter experts in their field and represent the Office of Nursing Services (ONS) on multiple National committees and taskforces
* Clinical Nurse Advisors have provided invaluable recommendations at the National level regarding equipment, PPE and clinical management of patients during the COVID-19 crisis
* Clinical Nurse Advisors continue to actively participate in the Electronic Health Record Modernization (EHRM) Cerner Implementation
* The ONS FACs provide National VA recommendations regarding:
  + - evidence-based nursing practice
    - policy guidance
    - development of National products and/or tools for use by front line nursing staff
* The ONS FACS consist of over 200 members from the field, representing all nursing roles and educational backgrounds

**The National Nursing Practice Council (NNPC)**

* + Part of the shared governance structure of ONS; Chaired by a front-line RN staff nurse
  + Comprised of 250 staff nurses, representing each Medical Center
  + Provides perspective for issues and activities that impact professional nursing practice and VHA national nursing strategic planning.

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