# National Nursing Practice Council

The Clinical Practice Program (CPP) was developed by the Office of Nursing Services (ONS) to support clinical practice through the development of evidence -based products and resources, develop policies in coordination with other VHA program offices, and to disseminate communication to the field. The CPP program is made up of various Field Advisory Committees (FAC), and the National Nursing Practice Council (NNPC).

NNPC is a formally recognized body in the national shared governance structure of ONS. NNPC provides ONS with the nursing staff perspective for issues and activities that impact professional nursing practice and VHA national nursing strategic planning.

As a council we;

* participates in the development, implementation, and evaluation of the National Nursing Strategic Plan.
* Facilitates the sharing of information to and from stakeholders within VA Medical Centers through official facility-based nursing structures endorsed by local leadership.
* Participates in decision-making and shares information with shared governance and other patient care units at the facility level through Nursing Service.
* Identifies opportunities for nursing to positively impact outcomes such as meeting targets for performance measures. Presents best practices to NNPC.
* Uses scholarly data driven approaches to meet agreed upon objectives.
* Maintains documentation of council activity and accomplishment

We have over 200 members that consist of Clinical Nurse Advisors, RN’s/LPN’s Front Line Staff (in-patient and outpatient areas), Nurse Practitioners, Nurse Educators, CNL/CNS, Nurse Managers/Assistant Nurse Managers, Nurse informaticists. We share learning opportunities, job opportunities, policies and procedures, best practices and member accomplishments. Members also share Evidence Base Practice (EBP) they have implemented at their local level facility. We also maintain a share point site <https://dvagov.sharepoint.com/sites/VACOVHAONS/PracticeTransformation/nnpc/default.aspx>

Collaboratively we have provided feedback regarding

1. Review of Lippincott Resources
2. Veteran’s Experience
3. Review & Consultation for Acute Care Delivery Council in OEHRM
4. VHA Directive 1014 Safe Medication Injection Practices
5. SimLearn Didactics & Scenarios
6. Standardization of Headwalls
7. Full Scope Practice
8. VHA Directive Nursing Professional Practice of Chronic Disease Management
9. Coding Guidance for MOVE Weight Management
10. National Admission and Shift Assessment Taskforce