



WE'RE BACK!

Welcome to another year of The StethoSCOOP, an e-newsletter for local nursing students from UPMC Altoona Nursing Education. The information below will bring new students up to speed and act as a refresher for those returning.

A link to The StethoSCOOP will be delivered to your email inbox every other week. Our mission is to support your endeavors as student nurses. Each issue will include links to employment opportunities as well as a link for information on student-nurse internships. We will also keep you up to date on UPMC Altoona news and events of interest, plus general useful tips for future nurses.

We hope all of you enjoy The StethoSCOOP and find it a helpful resource as you consider including UPMC Altoona in your choices for your potential nursing career path.

Anyone who wants to catch up on back issues can do so by clicking [here](#).

Changes in blood administration policy

In the interest of patient safety and to promote consistency, UPMC Altoona is adopting the systemwide blood administration policy HS-HD-CP-12 to replace policies K-Nursing 20, K-Nursing 21, and K-Nursing 26.

THE CHANGES:

- R bands will no longer be used.
- ABO rechecks are needed on patients without blood bank history.
- A blood bank communication order (PIF form in Cerner) is needed 30-60 minutes before transfusion time.
- Areas that already collect blood samples can now draw blood bank samples.
- If testing is done in outpatient setting, patient will have a new band called Secure ID.
- Blood products must be spiked within 30 minutes of blood bank issue time.
- Vital signs are to be performed at baseline pre-transfusion, 15-30 minutes after transfusion start, and post-transfusion.
- Before leaving the room after transfusion has started, alert patient to possible transfusion reaction symptoms.

Please refer to the full policy on the Infonet for details.



UPMC Altoona Tower 9 (top) and Tower 14 (right) staffs show off their student-friendly smiles.



Two units tie for award

UPMC Altoona presented the first “Most Student Friendly Unit” awards to Tower 9 LDRP and Tower 14. The winners were chosen by popular vote from student nurses who completed clinical experiences at UPMC Altoona. The vote resulted in a tie between the two units mentioned.

The winning units were presented with a certificate and large goody basket for all of the staff, as well as a banner that will hang on the unit until the next winner is chosen in the fall.

The “Most Student Friendly Unit” award will be given each fall and spring semester based on student vote. Please watch The StethoSCOOP for the QR code to vote.

Employment Opportunities



STUDENT NURSE INTERNSHIPS

UPMC Altoona Student Nurse Internship



NURSING STUDENTS

<https://careers.upmc.com/nursing>



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