# Nursing & PCS Governance Council Structure FY13

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1. **Nursing Coordinating Council (NCC)**
   
   **Chair:** Greg Raymond, RN, MBA, MS  
   **Co-Chair:** none  
   **CPPD Facilitator:** Rachel Hercenberg, BA  

   The NCC is charged with coordinating the work of the Nursing & PCS Governance councils based on the Nursing Strategic Plan and nursing and patient outcomes. The NCC provides a mechanism for enhancing inter-council communication and collaboration, while incorporating process measures and data into work plans.

2. **Advanced Practice Council (APC)**
   
   **Co-Chair:** Shari Simone, DNP, CPNP-AC  
   **Co-Chair:** Julia Dunning, MSN, CRNP  
   **CPPD Facilitator:** Tia Milburn, BA  

   The Advanced Practice Council is charged with providing strategic direction and innovative ideas for developing, implementing and evaluating APN practice models, as well as for suggesting solutions to APN related clinical issues at UMMC. This council assists Senior Leadership in setting the practice environment by providing an advisory role for operational issues that affect clinical practice, and a collaborative role with the University of Maryland School of Nursing.

3. **Clinical Education Council (CEC)**
   
   **Chair:** Catherine Zei, BSN, CCRN  
   **Chair-Elect:** Melanie Matthews, RN, CCRN  
   **Clinical Nurse Specialist:** Karen McQuillan, MS, RN-CNS, CCRN, ACNS-BC  
   **CPPD Facilitator:** Donna Huffer, MA, BSN, RN, OCN  

   The Clinical Education Council is charged with creating educational and professional developmental strategies to: Define, implement, and maintain educational standards that promote professional growth and ongoing clinical competency.; Address and develop programs and training strategies which are responsive to staff and manager training needs and clinical practice requirements.; Explore innovative solutions to meet the educational needs of nursing students, new graduate and experienced nurses.; Promote UMNursing partnership education and clinical practice priorities. These goals are in alignment with the Commitment to Excellence, UMMC Annual Operating Plan, and the Nursing Strategic Plan.

   **Subgroup:** **Graduate Nurse Advisory Committee (GNAC), 4th Monday (Quarterly) 10:00am – 11:00am**  
   **Chair:** Kristy Gorman, MS, BSN, RN

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Chair-Elect: None
The charge of this committee is to provide continual opportunities for professional growth for the new graduate nurse through personalized, comprehensive, and high quality experiences. It was developed using the University Health system Consortium (UHC)/AACN Residency Program curriculum.

4. Clinical Information Council (CIC)  
1st Monday 2:00pm – 3:30pm, Lipitz

Chair: Ariel De Vera, RN, BSN, CCRN  
Chair Elect: Derek Eckenrode, RN, BA  
CPPD Facilitator: M. Susanne Anderson, RN, MS, ACNP-BC

The Clinical Information Council is charged with improving the current process of electronic and manual documentation to enhance the patient care delivery process and provider workflow.

5. Clinical Practice Council (CPC)  
1st Monday 8:00am -10:00am Lipitz

Chair: Bing (Vistacion) Cassal, BSN, RN  
Co-Chair: Christine Provance, MS, RN  
Co-Chair: Patricia Chambers, RN  
Chair Elect: None  
CPPD Facilitator: Allison Murter, MS, RN  
Clinical Nurse Specialist Co-Chair: Paul Thurman, RN, MS, ACNPC, CCNS, CRN

The Clinical Practice Council is charged with monitoring and continuously evaluating care delivery data and implementing strategies to maximize quality of care and patient safety.

Subgroup: Med-Surg/Critical Care Value Analysis & Technology, Equipment, and New Products (TENP)  
2nd Tuesday 8:00 am – 9:00 am, WRR  
The Med-Surg/Critical Care Value Analysis & TENP committee is charged with creating strategies to: Provide leadership for the identification of new products that improve practice; provide expert clinical assessment of pilot products & equipment to impact decision making on a system level; promote standardization where clinically equivalent to allow the Medical Center best possible positioning with pricing negotiation; perform front line value analysis; assist with product evaluations/ pilots, equipment, and/or technology rollouts as appropriate; standardize practice and provide access to products and technology that supports best practices  
Co-Chair: Allison Murter, MS, RN  
Co-Chair: Al Johnson, MBA

Subgroup: Skin Care Committee, 3rd Wednesday 8:00am – 9:00am, Varies  
Chair: Joan Selekof, BSN, RN, CWOCN  
CPPD Facilitator: Anne Naunton, MS, RN-BC  
The Skin Care Committee is charged with preventing level one events by becoming proactive, accurately assessing and documenting wounds, and sharing information with staff.

Subgroup: Falls Committee, 3rd Friday 10:00 am - 11:30am, Location varies  
Co-Chair: Jennifer Motley, BSN, RN  
Co-Chair: Kate Keefer, BSN, RN  
CPPD Facilitator: Luiza Lima, MS, RN-BC  
The Fall Prevention team is charged with reviewing data and implementing strategies to reduce falls and falls with injury. The team consists of nurses, nurse managers, PCTs, O.T., hospitality, a risk manager, and Kristin Seidl, Director of Outcomes for Nursing and Patient Care Services.

Subgroup: Pain Task Force
6. Medication Oversight Council

Co-Chair: Mary Taylor, MS, RN
Co-Chair: Barbara Brannan, PharmD, CACP
CPPD Facilitator: Susan Carey, MS

The Medication Oversight Council is charged with understanding and coordinating the work related to medication management while ensuring effective communication and determining appropriate metrics and data.

Subgroup: Medication Process Improvement Committee (MPI), 4th Wednesday 1:00pm – 2:30pm, Location varies
Co-Chair: Tina Cafeo, MSN, RN
Co-Chair: Nakia Eldridge, PharmD
CPPD Facilitator: Susan Carey, MS
This committee is charged with identifying, designing, and implementing processes related to medication management that incorporate best practices.

Subgroup: Medication Management Committee
Co-Chair: Barbara Brannan, PharmD, CACP
Co-Chair: Mary Taylor, MS, RN
This group is charged with ensuring full compliance to TJC Medication Management Standards through assessments and Periodic Performance Reviews (PPR).

Subgroup: Perioperative Medication Process Improvement Committee
Co-Chair: Marisol De Leon, BS, PharmD
Co-Chair: David Schreibman, M.D.
This subgroup is charged by the MOC to identify, design, and implement processes related to medication management in the perioperative areas that incorporate best practice.

Key Groups: Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee
Co-Chair: David Klassen
Co-Chair: Harold Standiford
This group is charged ensuring that therapeutic agents and medication administration devices meet specifications of the United States Pharmacopoeia (USP), Good Manufacturing Practices, and applicable hospital committees. Subcommittees include: Antimicrobial, Nuclear, MEADE, IV Infusion, Anti-neoplastic, Nutrition, University Specialty Hospital

7. Nursing Research Council (NRC)

Chair: Patricia Woltz, MS, RN
Chair-Elect: Patricia Gent, MS, BSN, RN, CCRN
CPPD Facilitator: Luiza Lima, MS, RN-BC

The Nursing Research Council is charged with creating educational and developmental strategies to develop and sustain a partnership with the University of Maryland School of Nursing, enhance PCS direct-care staff research competency, and introduce evidence-based practices approaches to the development of clinical policies, procedures, and care strategies

8. Patient & Family Education Council

Chair: Erinn Davis, MS, BSN, RN, CPN
Chair-Elect: Ann Rigdon, MS, RN, OCN
CPPD Facilitator: Luiza Lima, MS, RN-BC

The Patient and Family Education Council is charged with creating educational and development strategies to provide and develop population-specific, culturally sensitive educational materials to patients and families with the goal of improving patient and staff satisfaction and ensuring compliance with patient and family education and documentation standards.
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**9. Professional Advancement Council (PAC)**

**Chair:** Michelle Zimmer, MS, RN, CCRN-CMC  
**Chair-Elect:** tbd  
**CPPD Facilitator:** Luiza Lima, MS, RN-BC

The Professional Advancement Council (PAC) is charged with advancing and supporting ongoing professional growth opportunities for the registered nurse with emphasis on development, mentorship, certification, stewardship and organizational involvement of our professional nursing staff.

**Subgroup: Professional Advancement Review Team**  
**Chair:** Greg Raymond, RN, MBA, MS  
**CPPD Facilitator:** Luiza Lima, MS, RN-BC

The Professional Advancement Review Team is charged with independently reviewing applications for promotions and making outcome recommendations to nurse managers. This team serves as a resource for nurses seeking advancement, as well as for nurse leaders.

**Subgroup: Certification Committee**, 2nd Thursday 10:30am – 11:30am, Location varies, Bi-monthly  
**Chair:** Bridgette Casserly, MS, RN-BC, CPN  
**CPPD Facilitator:** Erica Bergstein, BS

The charge of this group is to increase the number of certified nurses by promoting and supporting staff nurses who are in the pursuit of a specialty practice certification.

**Subgroup: Charge Nurse Committee**, 2nd Tuesday, 8:00am – 9:00am, Location Varies  
**Co-Chair:** Stacey Trotman, RN  
**Co-Chair:** Lucy Miner, RN, BSN, PCCN  
**CPPD Facilitator:** Patricia Wilson, BSN, FCN, RN

The charge of this group is to support and manage development of charge nurse leaders across the organization through education, resources, role definition, and relationships.

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**10. Staff Nurse Council (SNC)**

**Co-Chair:** Christine Byerly, BSN, RNC-NIC  
**Co-Chair:** Lisa Rowen, DNSc, RN, FAAN  
**Chair-Elect:** No chair-elect at present  
**CPPD Facilitator:** Anne Naunton, MS, RN-BC

The Staff Nurse Council is charged with identifying and implementing strategies to improve patient safety and overall quality of care in collaboration with the Senior Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer. Additional topics addressed pertain to professional nursing practice and the relationship with nursing support services.

**Subgroup: Magnet Champion Group**, 4th Thursday 8:00am – 9:00am, Lipitz Board Room  
**Chair:** Christine Byerly, BSN, RNC-NIC  
**Co-Chair:** None  
**CPPD Facilitator:** Anne Naunton, MS, RN-BC

The mission of the UMMC Magnet Champion group is to promote, sustain, and strengthen a culture of nursing excellence. The culture will be driven by innovation, quality & service outcomes, evidence, and the standards of the ANCC Magnet Recognition Program.