

# Professional Nursing Governance



Northeast Georgia Health System

## Purpose of Shared Governance

**Governance:** The Professional Nursing Governance (PNG) shall provide the structure for establishing standards of nursing practice and professional advancement throughout the Northeast Georgia Medical Center.

**Clinical Practice:** The PNG shall promote excellence in nursing practice by establishing, upholding, and advancing clinical practice in all clinical settings.

**Professional Development:** The PNG shall promote the ongoing development of members through education, mentorship, peer review, and recognition opportunities.

**Research:** The PNG shall promote knowledge acquisition through the conduct, evaluation, application, and dissemination of nursing research.

## Unit Practice Councils

Unit practice councils (UPC) collaborate with all skill levels of nursing staff within the department in conjunction with the nurse director to set goals, develop strategies, improve processes, and resolve issues to provide excellent quality nursing care to patients within the unit or department. Each UPC reviews and analyzes data and makes decisions at the department level on matters of unit operations that are unique to their department. Clinical practice changes are forwarded to the Nursing Clinical Practice Sub-Council for approval.

The elected Chairperson of each UPC is a RN staff member. The Chairperson sits on Professional Nursing Governance Council (PNGC) to represent their unit.

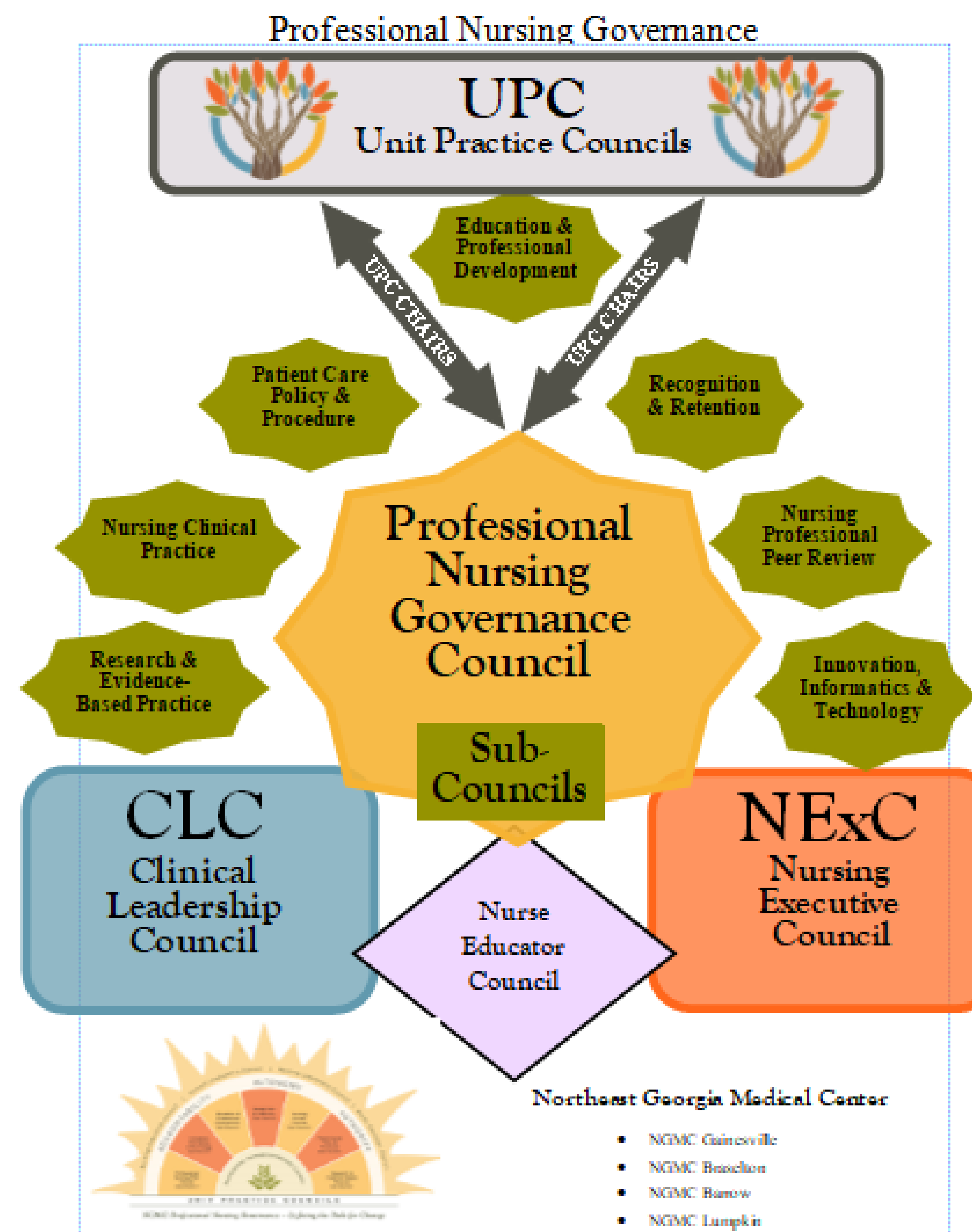
## Professional Nursing Governance Council (PNGC)

Governing body of professional nursing practice.

Assists with establishing, evaluating, and revising the standards of nursing practice and patient care policy.

A clinical RN Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are elected by PNGC members bi-annually.

## Professional Nursing Governance Structure



## PNGC Sub-Councils

These sub-councils are decision making bodies that facilitate and coordinate PNGC agenda items.

- Innovation, Informatics, & Technology
- Education & Professional Development
- Patient Care Policy & Procedure
- Nursing Clinical Practice
- Professional Nursing Peer Review
- Recognition & Retention
- Research & Evidence-Based Practice

## Clinical Leadership Council (CLC)

CLC serves as a forum for communication and operational accountability of matters pertinent to patient care delivery within the health care system. The Chairperson is an elected nurse leader. The clinical RN Chairperson of PNGC also sits on this council.

## Nurse Executive Council (NExC)

NExC supports the development and implementation of mechanisms to promote comparable, as well as the highest, quality of patient care across all Northeast Georgia Medical Center hospitals. Additionally, it serves as a forum for the development of strategic and operational direction of patient care/nursing and is accountable for nursing strategic initiatives. The clinical RN Chairperson of PNGC also sits on this council.

## Agenda Item Communication Forms

PNGC documents and communication forms can be found on the Nursing SharePoint site.

## Meeting and Agenda Dates

PNGC Meeting (2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month)	Communication Form/Packets Due (4th Wednesday of prior month)	Packet Available for Next Meeting (10 days prior to PNGC) on the Nursing SharePoint site
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## Reference

Professional Nursing Shared Governance Bylaws. (FY 2022). Northeast Georgia Medical Center.

## Schedule



### NGMC Professional Nursing Governance (PNG) Monthly Meeting Schedule

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week One	Unit Council/ Staff Meetings	Unit Council/ Staff Meetings	Unit Council/ Staff Meetings	Unit Council/ Staff Meetings	Unit Council/ Staff Meetings	Unit Council/ Staff Meetings	Unit Council/ Staff Meetings
Week Two				Professional Nursing Governance Council	Clinical Leadership Council		
Week Three		Nurse Executive Council	Nurse Educator Council				
Week Four						Unit Council/ Staff Meetings	Unit Council/ Staff Meetings

