

Health Observances and Recognition Days 2008

January

Month-Long Observances

Blood Donor Month (National)
Cervical Cancer Screening Month
Cervical Health Awareness Month
Glaucoma Awareness Month (National)
March of Dimes Birth Defects Prevention Month

Week-Long Observances

20-26 Healthy Weight Week
20-26 Nurse Anesthetists Week (National)
21-25 Medical Group Practice Week (National)

Recognition Days/Events

4 Louis Braille's Birthday
9 Find a Dentist Day
22 Rid the World of Fad Diets and Gimmicks Day
24 Women's Healthy Weight Day
25 Intravenous Nurse Day (National)

February

Month-Long Observances

Age-Related Macular Degeneration/Low Vision Awareness Month
American Heart Month
Children's Dental Health Month (National)
Condom Month (National)
Kids E.N.T. Health Month
Wise Health Care Consumer Month
Shamrocks Against Dystrophy for the Muscular Dystrophy Association

Week-Long Observances

1-7 Patient Recognition Week (National)
2-8 Kick In to Stop Sarcoidosis
3-9 Burn Awareness Week (National)
4-8 Pride in Food Service Week
7-14 Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week
10-16 Cardiac Rehabilitation Week (National)
10-16 Cardiovascular Professionals Week
24 – March 1 Eating Disorders Awareness Week (National)

Recognition Days/Events

1 Wear Red Day (National)
11 Day of the Sick (World)
14 Healthcare Advertising Awards Deadline
15 Woman's Heart Day
29 Aster Awards Competitions Deadline

March

Month-Long Observances

Brain Injury Awareness Month (National)
Child Life Month
Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month (National)
Eye Donor Month (National)
Hemophilia Awareness Month
Kidney Month (National)
Nutrition Month (National)
Professional Social Work Month (National)
Save Your Vision Month (National)
Workplace Eye Health and Safety Month

Week-Long Observances

2-8 Dental Assistants Recognition Week
2-8 Patient Safety Awareness Week
3-7 School Breakfast Week (National)
10-16 Brain Awareness Week
16-22 Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week (National)
16-22 Poison Prevention Week (National)
16-22 Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week (National)
30- April 5 Root Canal Awareness Week

Recognition Days/Events

13 Kidney Day (World)
25 Diabetes Alert Day
27 Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen's Birthday (1845-1923)
30 Doctor's Day (National)

April

Month-Long Observances

Alcohol Awareness Month
Autism Awareness Month (National)
Cancer Control Month
Child Abuse Prevention Month
Counseling Awareness Month
Donate Life Month
Facial Protection Month (National)
Foot Health Awareness Month (National)
Humor Month (National)
Minority Health Month (National)
Occupational Therapy Month (National)
Sexually Transmitted Diseases Awareness Month (National)
Sports Eye Safety Month
Women's Eye Health and Safety Month
Youth Sports Safety Month

Week-Long Observances

6-12 Public Health Week (National)
7-14 Health in the Americas Week
7-12 Healthcare Access Personnel Week (National)
13-19 Health Information Privacy and Security Week

13-19 Patient Advocacy Week
19-26 Infant Immunization Week (National)
20-26 Electroneurodiagnostic Week (National)
20-26 Healthcare Administrative Professionals Week
20-26 Medical Laboratory Professionals Week (National)
20-27 Medical Fitness Week
27-May 3 Healthcare Volunteer Week (National)
27-May 3 (tentative) Safe Kids Week (National)

Recognition Days/Events

3 Alcohol Screening Day (National)
5 Sir Joseph Lister's Birthday (1827-1912)
7 Health Day (World)
10 Radiology Nurses Day (National)
12 YMCA Healthy Kids Day
14 Moment of Laughter Day (International)
16 Noise Awareness Day (International)
16 Voice Day (World)
25-27 Youth Service Day (Global)
26-27 March of Dimes WalkAmerica

<h1>May</h1>

Month-Long Observances

Allergy and Asthma Awareness Month
American Stroke Month
Arthritis Month (National)
Arthritis Walk
Better Hearing and Speech Month
Better Sleep Month
Bike Month (National)
Critical Care Awareness and Recognition Month (National)
Healthy Vision Month
Hepatitis Awareness Month
High Blood Pressure Month (National)
Huntington's Disease Awareness Month
Lupus Awareness Month
Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month (National)
Mental Health Month (National)
Motorcycle Safety Month (National)
Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month (World)
Older Americans Month
Oncology Nursing Month
Osteoporosis Awareness & Prevention Month (National)
Physical Fitness & Sports Month (National)
Stroke Awareness Month (National)
Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month (National)
Trauma Awareness Month (National)
Tuberous Sclerosis Awareness Month
Ultraviolet Awareness Month

Week-Long Observances

4-10 Children's Mental Health Awareness Week
4-10 Hug Holiday Week (National)
4-10 North American Occupational Safety & Health Week

- 6-12 Nurses Week (National)
- 11-17 Alcohol and Other Drug-Related Birth Defect Week (National)
- 11-17 Food Allergy Awareness Week
- 11-17 Hospital Week (National)
- 11-17 Nursing Home Week (National)
- 12-18 Stuttering Awareness Week (National)
- 18-24 Emergency Medical Services Week (National)
- 18-24 Medical Transcriptionist Week (National)
- 18-24 Running & Fitness Week (National)
- 19-June 1 Click It or Ticket National Mobilization

Recognition Days/Events

- 4 High Blood Pressure Sunday
- 5 Melanoma Monday
- 6 Childhood Depression Awareness Day (National)
- 6 Nurses Day (National)
- 7 Anxiety Disorders Screening Day (National)
- 7 Asthma Awareness Day on Capitol Hill
- 7 Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day
- 7 School Nurse Day (National)
- 12 CFIDS Awareness Day
- 12 Florence Nightingale's Birthday (1820-1910)
- 21 Employee Health and Fitness Day (National)
- 25 Missing Children's Day (National)
- 30 Senior Health and Fitness Day (National)
- 31 No Tobacco Day (World)

<h2>June</h2>

Month-Long Observances

- Aphasia Awareness Month (National)
- Fireworks Safety Month
- Hernia Awareness Month (National)
- Scleroderma Awareness Month (National)
- Vision Research Month

Week-Long Observances

- 1-7 Dystonia Awareness Week
- 1-7 Headache Awareness Week (National)
- 1-7 Sun Safety Week
- 9-15 Men's Health Week (National)
- 9-13 Vascular Nursing Week (National)
- 12-19 Nursing Assistants Week (National)
- 16-20 Healthcare Risk Management Week (National)
- 22-28 Helen Keller Deaf-Blind Awareness Week

Recognition Days/Events

- 1 Cancer Survivors Day (National)
- 3 Healthcare Recruiter Recognition Day
- 15 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini's Birthday (1850-1917)
- 27 HIV Testing Day (National)

July

Month-Long Observances

Cord Blood Awareness Month
Hemochromatosis Screening Awareness Month
Drunk Driving: Over the Limit. Under Arrest Campaign

Week-Long Observances

6-12 Therapeutic Recreation Week (National)
20-26 Hospitality House Week (National)

Recognition Days/Events

18 Dental Awareness Day

August

Month-Long Observances

Aisles of Smiles Month
Cataract Awareness Month
Children's Eye Health and Safety Month
Immunization Awareness Month (National)
Neurosurgery Outreach Month
Psoriasis Awareness Month
Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month

Week-Long Observances

1-7 Breastfeeding Week (World)
3-9 Health Center Week (National)

Recognition Days/Events

3 Kids Day (National)
23 Health Unit Coordinator Day
30-September 1 Jerry Lewis MDA Labor Day Telethon

September

Month-Long Observances

America on the Move's September Campaign
Baby Safety Month
Cholesterol Education Month (National)
Craniofacial Acceptance Month (National)
Fruits and Veggies: More Matter Campaign
Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month
Head Lice Prevention Month (National)
Healthy Aging Month
Leukemia, Lymphoma and Myeloma Awareness Month
Pain Awareness Month
Prostate Health Month
Sickle Cell Awareness Month (National)
Sports and Home Eye Safety Month
Thyroid Cancer Awareness Month

Week-Long Observances

- 1-7 Childhood Injury Prevention Week (National)
- 7-13 Assisted Living Week (National)
- 7-13 Healthcare Environmental Services and Housekeeping Week (National)
- 7-13 Prostatitis Awareness Month
- 7-13 Suicide Prevention Week (National)
- 14-20 Nephrology Nurses Week
- 14-20 Prostate Cancer Awareness Month
- 14-20 Surgical Technologists Weeks (National)
- 17-20 Society for Healthcare Strategy and Market Development Annual Educational Conference & Exhibits
- 21-27 Adult Immunization Awareness Week (National)
- 21-27 Child Passenger Safety Week (National)
- 21-27 Farm Safety and Health Week (National)
- 21-27 Rehabilitation Awareness Celebration (National)
- 21-27 Reye's Syndrome Awareness Week (National)
- 21-27 Vasculitis Awareness Week
- 28-October 4 Hearing Aid Awareness Week

Recognition Days/Events

- 7 Grandparents Day (National)
- 15 Neonatal Nurses Day
- 16 Take a Loved One for a Checkup Day
- 24 Women's Health & Fitness Day (National)
- 27 Family Health and Fitness Day (National)

October

Month-Long Observances

- American Pharmacy Month (National)
- Breast Cancer Awareness Month (National)
- Chiropractic Month (National)
- Dental Hygiene Month (National)
- Disability Employee Awareness Month (National)
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- Eye Injury Prevention Month
- Family Sexuality Education Month (National)
- Halloween Safety Month
- Health Literacy Month
- Healthy Lung Month
- Liver Awareness Month
- Medical Librarians Month (National)
- Medical Ultrasound Awareness Month
- Physical Therapy Month (National)
- Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Awareness Month (National)
- Talk About Prescriptions Month
- Vegetarian Awareness Month

Week-Long Observances

- 1-8 Gerontological Nurses Week (National)
- 5-11 Emergency Nurses Week
- 5-11 Fire Prevention Week
- 5-11 Healthcare Resource & Materials Management Week (National)

- 5-11 Mental Illness Awareness Week
- 5-11 Nuclear Medicine Week
- 5-11 Nurse-Midwifery Week (National)
- 6-12 Healthcare Food Service Week (National)
- 6-12 Physician's Assistant Week (National)
- 9-15 Pediatric Nursing Week (National)
- 12-20 Bone and Joint Decade National Awareness Week
- 12-18 Case Management Week (National)
- 12-18 Healthcare Central Service/Sterile Processing Week (National)
- 13-17 Health Education Week (National)
- 13-18 Nephrology Technician/Technologist Recognition Week (National)
- 16-22 Infection Prevention Week (International)
- 19-25 Healthcare Quality Week (National)
- 19-25 Hospital and Health-System Pharmacy Week (National)
- 19-25 Kids Care Week
- 19-25 Respiratory Care Week (National)
- 20-26 Healthcare Facilities and Engineering Week (National)
- 20-24 Medical Assistants Week (National)
- 20-26 Pastoral Care Week
- 20-24 School Bus Safety Week (National)
- 20-24 School Lunch Week (National)
- 23-31 Red Ribbon Week (National)

Recognition Days/Events

- 5 Rudolph Virchow's Birthday (1821-1902)
- 8 Emergency Nurses Day
- 8 SAVE Today
- 9 Bipolar Disorder Awareness Day
- 9 Depression Screening Day (National)
- 10 Mental Health Day (World)
- 16 Food Day (World)
- 17 La Leche League International Founded
- 17 Mammography Day (National)
- 22 Lung Health Day
- 25 Make a Difference Day

<h2>November</h2>

Month-Long Observances

- Alzheimer's Disease Month (National)
- Diabetic Eye Disease Month
- Epilepsy Awareness Month (National)
- Family Caregivers Month (National)
- Healthy Skin Month (National)
- Home Care Month (National)
- Hospice Month (National)
- Home Health Aide Week
- Hospice and Palliative Care Month (National)
- Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month (National)
- Prematurity Awareness Month
- Sexual Medicine Month (National)
- Christmas Seals Campaign
- Jingle Bell Run for Arthritis

Week-Long Observances

- 1-7 Medical-Surgical Nurses' Week
- 1-7 Urology Nurses Week (National)
- 2-8 Allied Health Professions Week (National)
- 2-8 Diabetes Education Week (National)
- 2-8 Health Information and Technology Week (National)
- 2-8 Medical Staff Services Week (National)
- 2-8 Radiologic Technology Week (National)
- 9-15 Preoperative Nurse Week
- 10-14 Lung Cancer Awareness Week
- 16-22 Bladder Health Week

Recognition Days/Events

- 18 Prematurity Awareness Day
- 20 Great American Smokeout
- 22 Family Volunteer Day (National)

<h2>December</h2>

Month-Long Observances

- Drunk & Drugged Driving Prevention Month (National)
- Safe Toys and Celebrations Month
- Safe Toys and Gifts Month

Week-Long Observances

- 1-7 Aplastic Anemia and MDS Awareness Week (National)
- 1-8

Recognition Days/Events

- 1 AIDS Day (World)
- 25 Clara Barton's Birthday (1821-1912)
- 27 Louis Pasteur's Birthday (1822-1895)