

2017 Health Observances & Recognition Days

Association Events

- Mar. 13-14 **FHA Hospital Days in the Legislature | Tallahassee, FL**
May 7-10 **American Hospital Association Annual Meeting | Washington, DC**
Oct. 18-20 **FHA Annual Meeting | Orlando, FL**

January 1-31

Month-long Observances

National Birth Defects Prevention Month
National Blood Donor Month
Cervical Cancer Screening Month
Cervical Health Awareness Month
Glaucoma Awareness Month
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Radon Awareness Month

Week-long Observances

16–20 Healthy Weight Week
23–29 National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week

Recognition Days | Events

20 Women’s Healthy Weight Day
25 IV Nurse Day

February 1-28

Month-long Observances

Age-Related Macular Degeneration Awareness Month
National Children’s Dental Health Month
National Condom Month
American Heart Month
Kids ENT Health Month
National Recreational Therapy Month
National Wise Health Care Consumer Month

Week-long Observances

5–11 Burn Awareness Week
6–12 PeriAnesthesia Nurse Awareness Week
12–18 Cardiac Rehabilitation Week
12–18 Cardiovascular Professionals Week
14–21 Alzheimer’s Disease and Dementia Care Staff Education Week
19–25 National Eating Disorders Awareness Week

Recognition Days | Events

- 3 National Wear Red Day
- 7 National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
- 11 World Day of the Sick
- 14 National Donor Day

March 1 – 31

Month-long Observances

- National Athletic Training Month
- Brain Injury Awareness Month
- Child Life Month
- National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month
- National Kidney Month
- National MS Education and Awareness Month
- National Nutrition Month
- National Professional Social Work Month
- Save Your Vision Month
- Workplace Eye Wellness Month

Week-long Observances

- 1–7 Aplastic Anemia and MDS Awareness Week
- 5–11 Dental Assistants Recognition Week
- 12–18 Health Care HR Week
- 12–18 Patient Safety Awareness Week
- 12–18 National Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week
- 13–19 Brain Awareness Week
- 19–25 National Poison Prevention Week
- 27-31 National LGBT Health Awareness Week

Recognition Days | Events

- 8 Registered Dietitian Nutritionist Day
- 9 World Kidney Day
- 24 World Tuberculosis Day
- 28 American Diabetes Association Alert Day
- 30 National Doctors' Day

April 1 – 30

Month-long Observances

- Alcohol Awareness Month
- National Autism Awareness Month
- Defeat Diabetes Month
- National Donate Life Month
- National Facial Protection Month
- Foot Health Awareness Month

National Humor Month
National Minority Health Month
Occupational Therapy Month
Rosacea Awareness Month
Sexually Transmitted Infections Awareness Month
Sports Eye Safety Month
Women's Eye Health and Safety Month
March for Babies (through May)

Week-long Observances

3–9 National Public Health Week
10–14 Cancer Registrars Week
10–16 Oral, Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Week
16–22 Neurodiagnostic Week
22–29 National Infant Immunization Week
23–29 Medical Laboratory Professionals Week
23–29 National Volunteer Week
24–28 Patient Experience Week
24–30 Medical Fitness Week

Recognition Days | Events

6–7 National Alcohol Screening Day
7 World Health Day
12 Radiologic and Imaging Nurses Day
16 National Healthcare Decisions Day
16 World Voice Day
17 World Hemophilia Day
19 Transplant Nurses Day
21–23 Global Youth Service Day
26 International Noise Awareness Day

May 1 – 31

Month-long Observances

National Arthritis Awareness Month
Asthma Awareness Month
Better Hearing and Speech Month
Better Sleep Month
National Bike Month
National Critical Care Awareness and Recognition Month
Global Employee Health and Fitness Month
Healthy Vision Month
Hepatitis Awareness Month
National High Blood Pressure Education Month
National Huntington's Disease Awareness Month
Lupus Awareness Month
Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month

Mental Health Month
Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month
Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month
Older Americans Month
Oncology Nursing Month
National Osteoporosis Month
National Run A Mile Days
National Stroke Awareness Month
American Stroke Month
National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month
National Trauma Awareness Month

Week-long Observances

6–12 National Nurses Week
7–13 National Hospital Week
7–13 Root Canal Awareness Week
7–14 National Women’s Lung Health Week
8–14 National Stuttering Awareness Week
14–20 Food Allergy Awareness Week
14–20 National Medical Transcriptionist Week
14–20 National Nursing Home Week
14–20 National Women’s Health Week
21–27 Neuroscience Nurses Week

Recognition Days | Events

1 Melanoma Monday
2 World Asthma Day
10 National Bike to School Day
10 World Lupus Day
10 National School Nurse Day
12 Fibromyalgia Awareness Day
12 National Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Awareness Day
15 Global Employee Health and Fitness Day
17 National Trauma Survivors Day
18–21 World Autoimmune Arthritis Day
19 National Hepatitis Testing Day
22 National Gout Awareness Day
25 National Missing Children’s Day
31 National Senior Health & Fitness Day

June 1 – 30

Month-long Observances

Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month
National Aphasia Awareness Month
Cataract Awareness Month
Fireworks Eye Safety Month

Hernia Awareness Month
Men's Health Month
National Migraine and Headache Awareness Month
PTSD Awareness Month
Scleroderma Awareness Month

Week-long Observances

12–18 National Men's Health Week
15–22 National Nursing Assistants Week
19–23 Healthcare Risk Management Week

Recognition Days | Events

4 National Cancer Survivors Day
6 National Health Care Recruiter Day
29 World Scleroderma Awareness Day

July 1 – 31

Month-long Observances

Cord Blood Awareness Month
Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month
National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month
UV Safety Month

Week-long Observances

9–22 Donate Life ECHO (Every Community Has Opportunity)

Recognition Days | Events

28 World Hepatitis Day

August 1 – 31

Month-long Observances

Children's Eye Health and Safety Month
Dental Implant Month
National Immunization Awareness Month
Neurosurgical Awareness Month
Psoriasis Awareness Month
Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month

Week-long Observances

13–19 National Health Center Week

Recognition Days | Events

23 Health Unit Coordinator Day

September 1 – 30

Month-long Observances

Baby Safety Month
Blood Cancer Awareness Month
Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
National Cholesterol Education Month
Craniofacial Acceptance Month
National Food Safety Education Month
Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month
Healthy Aging Month
Newborn Screening Awareness Month
Pain Awareness Month
Prostate Cancer Awareness Month
Prostate Health Awareness Month
Prostate Health Month
Global Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month
Reye's Syndrome Awareness Month
Thyroid Cancer Awareness Month

Week-long Observances

4–10 National Youth Suicide Prevention Week
10–16 Healthcare Environmental Services Week
10–16 Vascular Nurses Week
11–17 Balance Awareness Week
17–23 Child Passenger Safety Week
17–23 International Clean Hands Week
17–23 National Farm Safety and Health Week
17–23 National Surgical Technologist Week
24–30 Nursing Professional Development Week

Recognition Days | Events

10 National Grandparents Day
10 National Youth Suicide Prevention Day
15 National Neonatal Nurses Day
20 National School Backpack Awareness Day
23 National Seat Check Saturday
27 National Women's Health & Fitness Day
30 Family Health & Fitness Day—USA

October 1 – 31

Month-long Observances

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month
National Chiropractic Health Month
National Dental Hygiene Month

National Disability Employment Awareness Month
Domestic Violence Awareness Month
Halloween Safety Month
Health Literacy Month
Home Eye Safety Month
Liver Awareness Month
National Medical Librarians Month
Medical Ultrasound Awareness Month
Patient-Centered Care Awareness Month
American Pharmacists Month
National Physical Therapy Month
SIDS, Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month
“Talk About Your Medicines” Month

Week-long Observances

1–7 Gerontological Nursing Week
1–7 Healthcare Foodservice Workers Week
1–7 National Healthcare Supply Chain Week
1–7 Mental Illness Awareness Week
1–7 National Midwifery Week
1–7 Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging Week
6–12 National Physician Assistants Week
8–14 National Case Management Week
8–14 Central Service Week
8–14 Emergency Nurses Week
8–14 Fire Prevention Week
8–14 Healthcare Security and Safety Week
9–13 National Nephrology Technicians/Technologists Recognition Week
15–19 Nuclear Science Week
15–21 International Infection Prevention Week
15–21 Pastoral Care Week/Spiritual Care Week
16–20 National Medical Assistants Recognition Week
16–22 National Radon Action Week
22–28 National Health Care Facilities and Engineering Week
22–28 National Respiratory Care Week
23–31 National Red Ribbon Week

Recognition Days | Events

4 International Walk to School Day
11 Healthcare Security and Safety Officer Appreciation Day
11 Stop America’s Violence Everywhere (SAVE) Today
12 World Arthritis Day
22 International Stuttering Awareness Day
24 Lock Your Meds Day
25 Lung Health Day
29 World Psoriasis Day

November 1 – 30

Month-long Observances

National Alzheimer’s Disease Awareness Month
National Bladder Health Awareness Month
COPD Awareness Month
American Diabetes Month
Diabetic Eye Disease Awareness Month
National Family Caregivers Month
National Healthy Skin Month
National Home Care and Hospice Month
National Hospice/Palliative Care Month
Lung Cancer Awareness Month
National Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month
Prematurity Awareness Month
National Sexual Health Month
Stomach Cancer Awareness Month
Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis (through December)

Week-long Observances

1–7 Medical-Surgical Nurses Week
5–11 Allied Health Professions Week
5–11 Diabetes Education Week
5–11 National Medical Staff Services Awareness Week
5–11 National Patient Transportation Week
5–11 National Radiologic Technology Week
6–10 Patient Blood Management Awareness Week

Recognition Days | Events

5 Lung Cancer Walk for Hope
10–12 National Donor Sabbath
12 World Pneumonia Day
15 World COPD Day
16 Great American Smokeout
17 World Prematurity Day

December 1 – 31

Month-long Observances

Safe Toys and Celebrations Month
Safe Toys and Gifts Month

Week-long Observances

3–9 National Handwashing Awareness Week
3–9 National Influenza Vaccination Week
4–8 National Older Driver Safety Awareness Week

Recognition Days | Events

- 1 World AIDS Day
- 31 New Year's Eve – Quit Smoking Resolutions