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
JUST CLAP FOR LIFE!
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