

2018 Health Observances & Recognition Days

Association Events

- Jan. 22-23 FHA Hospital Day in the Legislature | Tallahassee, FL
May 6-9 American Hospital Association Annual Meeting | Washington, DC
Oct. 3-5 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
- Clap4Health
- Glaucoma Awareness Month
- Radon Awareness Month

Week-long Observances

- 15–19 Healthy Weight Week
- 22–28 National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week (National)

Recognition Days | Events

- 22-23 FHA Hospital Day in the Legislature
- 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

4-10 Burn Awareness Week
5-11 PeriAnesthesia Nurse Awareness Week
11-17 Cardiac Rehabilitation Week (National)
11-17 Cardiovascular Professionals Week
11-17 Health Care HR Week
14-21 Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Care Staff Education Week
Feb 26-Mar 4 National Eating Disorders Awareness Week

Recognition Days | Events

2 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
Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month
National Kidney Month
National MS Education and Awareness Month
National Nutrition Month
Save Your Vision Month
Workplace Eye Wellness Month

Week-long Observances

1–7 Bone Marrow Failure Awareness Week
4–10 Dental Assistants Recognition Week
11–17 Patient Safety Awareness Week
11–17 National Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week
12–18 Brain Awareness Week
18–24 National Poison Prevention Week
26–30 National LGBT Health Awareness Week

Recognition Days | Events

1 Baby Sleep Day
3 World Birth Defects Day
8 World Kidney Day
14 Registered Dietitian Nutritionist Day
24 World Tuberculosis Day
27 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 Distracted Driving Awareness 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
Testicular Cancer Awareness Month
Women’s Eye Health and Safety Month

Week-long Observances

2-8 National Public Health Week
8-15 Oral, Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Week
9-13 National Cancer Registrars Week
15-21 Neurodiagnostic Week
15-21 National Volunteer Week
21-28 National Infant Immunization Week
22-28 Medical Laboratory Professionals Week
23-27 Patient Experience Week
23-29 Medical Fitness Week

Recognition Days | Events

5 National Alcohol Screening Day
7 World Health Day
16 National Healthcare Decisions Day
16 World Voice Day
17 World Hemophilia Day
18 Transplant Nurses Day
20 Global Youth Service Day
25 International Noise Awareness Day
28-29 March for Babies

May 1 – 31

Month-long Observances

National Arthritis Awareness Month
Asthma Awareness Month
Better Hearing and Speech Month
Better Sleep Month
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
National Mental Health Month
Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month
Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month
Older Americans Month
Oncology Nursing Month
National Osteoporosis Month
National Stroke Awareness Month
American Stroke Month
National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month
National Trauma Awareness Month
National Run A Mile Days (through June 14)

Week-long Observances

6-12 National Hospital Week
6-12 National Nurses Week
6-12 Root Canal Awareness Week
6-12 National Women's Lung Health Week
13-19 Food Allergy Awareness Week
13-19 National Medical Transcriptionist Week
13-19 Neuroscience Nurses Week
13-19 National Nursing Home Week
14-20 National Stuttering Awareness Week

Recognition Days | Events

1 World Asthma Day
6-9 American Hospital Association Annual Meeting
7 Melanoma Monday
9 National Bike to School Day
9 National School Nurse Day
10 World Lupus Day
12 National Fibromyalgia Awareness Day

- 15 Global Employee Health and Fitness Day
- 16 National Trauma Survivors Day
- 19 National Hepatitis Testing Day
- 19-21 World Autoimmune Arthritis Day
- 22 National Gout Awareness Day
- 25 National Missing Children's Day
- 30 National Senior Health & Fitness Day

June 1 – 30

Month-long Observances

Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month
Aphasia Awareness Month (National)
Cataract Awareness Month
Fireworks Eye Safety Month
Hernia Awareness Month
Men's Health Month
Migraine and Headache Awareness
Month (National)
PTSD Awareness Month
Scleroderma Awareness Month

Week-long Observances

3-9 Community Health Improvement Week
11-17 National Men's Health Week
14-21 National Nursing Assistants Week
18-22 Healthcare Risk Management Week

Recognition Days | Events

3 National Cancer Survivors Day
5 National Health Care Recruiter Day
8 National #HAVhope Day of Awareness
9 Family Health & Fitness Day USA
14 World Blood Donor 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

8-21 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
Neurosurgery Awareness Month
Psoriasis Action Month
Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month

Week-long Observances

12-18 National Health Center Week
23-29 Health Unit Coordinator Week

Recognition Days | Events

31 Opioid Misuse Prevention 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
Drug-Free Pain Management Awareness Month
National Food Safety Education Month
Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month
Healthy Aging Month
Newborn Screening Awareness Month
Pain Awareness Month
Prostate Health Awareness Month
Prostate Health Month
Global Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month
Reye's Syndrome Awareness Month
Sepsis Awareness Month
Thyroid Cancer Awareness Month

Week-long Observances

9-15 Healthcare Environmental Services Week
9-15 Vascular Nurses Week
9-15 Youth Suicide Prevention Week (National)
16-22 Balance Awareness Week
16-22 Clean Hands Week (International)
16-22 Farm Safety and Health Week (National)
16-22 Nursing Professional Development Week
16-22 Prostate Cancer Awareness Week
16-22 Surgical Technologist Week
23-29 Child Passenger Safety Week

Recognition Days | Events

9 National Grandparents Day
10 National Youth Suicide Prevention Day
15 National Neonatal Nurses Day
19 National School Backpack Awareness Day
26 National Women's Health & Fitness Day
29 National Seat Check Saturday

October 1 – 31

Month-long Observances

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month
National Chiropractic Health Month
Contact Lens Safety Month
National Dental Hygiene Month
National Disability Employment Awareness Month
Domestic Violence Awareness Month
Halloween Safety Month
Health Literacy 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 National Midwifery Week
6-12 National Physician Assistants Week
7-13 National Case Management Week
7-13 Emergency Nurses Week
7-13 Fire Prevention Week
7-13 Healthcare Foodservice Workers Week
7-13 Healthcare Security and Safety Week
7-13 National Healthcare Supply Chain Week
7-13 Mental Illness Awareness Week
7-13 Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging Week
14-20 Central Service Week
14-20 International Infection Prevention Week
15-19 National Nephrology Technicians/Technologists Recognition Week
15-19 Nuclear Science Week
15-21 National Radon Action Week
21-27 National Health Care Facilities and Engineering Week
21-27 Pastoral Care Week/Spiritual Care Week
21-27 National Respiratory Care Week
22-26 Medical Assistants Recognition Week
23-31 National Red Ribbon Week

Recognition Days | Events

3-5 **FHA Annual Meeting**
4 National Depression Screening Day
10 Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day
10 Healthcare Security and Safety Officer Appreciation Day

- 10 Stop America's Violence Everywhere (SAVE) Today
- 10 International Walk to School Day
- 12 World Arthritis Day
- 22 Stuttering Awareness Day (International)
- 23 Lock Your Meds Day
- 29 World Psoriasis Day
- 30 International Orthopaedic Nurses 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 and 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 for Arthritis (through December)

Week-long Observances

1-7 Medical-Surgical Nurses Week
4-10 Allied Health Professions Week
4-10 Diabetes Education Week
4-10 National Medical Staff Services Awareness Week
4-10 National Patient Transport Week
4-10 National Radiologic Technology Week
5-9 Patient Blood Management Awareness Week
11-17 National Nurse Practitioner Week

Recognition Days | Events

9-11 National Donor Sabbath
12 World Pneumonia Day
14 World COPD Day
15 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

2-8 National Handwashing Awareness Week

2-8 National Influenza Vaccination Week

3-7 National Older Driver Safety Awareness Week

Recognition Days | Events

1 World AIDS Day

31 New Year's Eve – Quit Smoking Resolutions