

# 2012 Healthcare Observances

## January

### **Month**

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

### **Week**

15 – 21      Healthy Weight Week  
22 – 28      Nurse Anesthetists Week  
24 – 28      Medical Group Practice Week

### **Day**

6      Find a Dentist Day  
19      Women's Healthy Weight Day  
25      Intravenous Nurses Day

## February

### **Month**

Age-Related Macular Degeneration / Low Vision Awareness Month  
Heart Month  
Children's Dental Health Month  
Kids E.N.T. Health Month  
Wise Health Care Consumer Month

### **Week**

1 – 7      Patient Recognition Week  
5 – 11      Burn Awareness Week  
5 – 11      PeriAnesthesia Nurses Awareness Week  
7 – 14      Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week  
12 – 18      Cardiac Rehabilitation Week  
12 – 18      Cardiovascular Professionals Week  
19 – 25      Poison Prevention Week  
26 – 3/3      Eating Disorders Awareness Week

### **Day**

4      Wear Red Day  
11      Day for the Sick

## **March**

### **Month**

Athletic Training Month  
Brain Injury Awareness Month  
Child Life Month  
Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month  
Eye Donor Month  
Kidney Month  
Nutrition Month  
Professional Social Work Month  
Save Your Vision Month  
Workplace Eye Wellness Month

### **Week**

4 – 10          Dental Assistants Recognition Week  
4 – 10          Patient Safety Awareness Week  
11 – 17        Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week  
12 – 18        Brain Awareness Week  
17 – 24        Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week  
25 – 31        Root Canal Awareness Week

### **Day**

14      Registered Dietician Day  
27      Diabetes Alert Day  
30      Doctors' Day

## **April**

### **Month**

Alcohol Awareness Month  
Autism Awareness Month  
Child Abuse Prevention Month  
Facial Protection Month  
Foot Health Awareness Month  
Humor Month  
March for Babies Month  
Minority Health Month  
Occupational Therapy Month  
Sexually Transmitted Infection Awareness Month  
Sports Eye Safety Month  
Women's Eye Health and Safety Month

### **Week**

1 – 7          Healthcare Access Personnel Week

2 – 8	Public Health Week
8 – 14	Heimlich Maneuver Week
9 – 13	Cancer Registrars Week
15 – 21	Healthcare Volunteer Week
15 – 21	Neurodiagnostic Week
16 – 22	Medical Fitness Week
21 – 28	Infant Immunization Week
22 – 28	Medical Laboratory Professionals Week
22 – 28	Healthcare Administrative Professionals Week

## **Day**

7	Alcohol Screening Day
7	Health Day
12	Radiology Nurses Day
16	Healthcare Decisions Day
25	Noise Awareness Day
28	YMCA Healthy Kids Day

## **May**

### **Month**

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

## **Week**

6 – 12	Alcohol and Other Drug-Related Birth Defects Week
6 – 12	Anxiety and Depression Awareness Week
6 – 12	Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week
6 – 12	Hospital Week
6 – 12	Hug Holiday Week
14 - 18	Medical Transcriptionist Week
6 – 12	Nurses Week
13 – 19	Food Allergy Awareness Week
13 – 19	Nursing Home Week
14 – 20	Stuttering Awareness Week
20 - 26	Emergency Medical Services Week

## **Day**

2	Asthma Awareness Day of Capitol Hill
7	Melanoma Monday
9	School Nurse Day
10	Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day
12	CFS / CFIDS Awareness Day
12	Florence Nightingale’s Birthday
18	Employee Health and Fitness Day
25	Missing Children’s Day
30	Senior Health and Fitness Day

## **June**

### **Month**

Aphasia Awareness Month  
Hernia Awareness Month  
Men’s Health Month  
Migraine Awareness Month  
Scleroderma Awareness Month

## **Week**

3 – 9	Community Health Improvement Week
3 – 9	Sun Safety Week
10 – 16	Vascular Nursing Week
11 – 17	Men’s Health Week
14 – 21	Nursing Assistants Week
18 – 22	Healthcare Risk Management Week
24 – 30	Deaf-Blind Awareness Week

## **Day**

3	Cancer Survivors Day
5	Healthcare Recruiter Recognition Day
22	Dental Awareness Day

27 HIV Testing Day

## **July**

### **Month**

Cord Blood Awareness Month  
Fireworks Eye Safety Month  
Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month

### **Week**

2 – 9 Nurses in Staff Development Week  
8 – 14 Therapeutic Recreation Week  
22 – 28 Hospitality House Week

## **August**

### **Month**

Cataract Awareness Month  
Children's Eye Health and Safety Month  
Neurosurgery Outreach Month  
Psoriasis Awareness Month  
Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month

### **Week**

1 – 7 Breastfeeding Week  
12 - 18 Health Center Week

### **Day**

5 KidsDay  
23 Health Unit Coordinator Day

## **September**

### **Month**

Alzheimer's Month and Alzheimer's Action Day  
Baby Safety Month  
Cholesterol Education Month  
Craniofacial Acceptance Month  
Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month  
Healthy Aging Month  
Leukemia, Lymphoma, and Myeloma Awareness Month  
Pain Awareness Month  
Prostate Health Month  
Reye's Syndrome Awareness Month  
Sickle Cell Awareness Month  
STEPtember

## Thyroid Cancer Awareness Month

### Week

9 – 15	Assisted Living Week
9 - 15	Suicide Prevention Week
9 – 15	Nephrology Nurses Week
16 – 22	Child Passenger Safety Week
16 – 22	Farm Safety and Health Week
16 – 22	Prostate Cancer Awareness Week
16 – 22	Rehabilitation Awareness Celebration
16 – 22	Surgical Technologists Week
19 – 22	Society for Healthcare Strategy and Market Development Annual Education Conference and Exhibits
23 – 29	Hearing Aid Awareness Week

### Day

2	MDA Labor Day Telethon
9	Grandparents Day
15	Neonatal Nurses Day
22	Seat Check Saturday
26	Women's Health and Fitness Day
29	Family Health and Fitness Day

## October

### Month

Breast Cancer Awareness Month  
Chiropractic Month  
Dental Hygiene Month  
Disability Employment Awareness Month  
Domestic Violence Awareness Month  
Eye Injury Prevention Month  
Health Literacy Month  
Liver Awareness Month  
Medical Librarians Month  
Medical Ultrasound Awareness Month  
Patient-Centered Care Awareness Month  
Pharmacists Month  
Physical Therapy Month  
SIDS, Pregnancy, and Infant Loss Awareness Month  
Talk About Prescriptions Month

### Week

1 – 7	Midwifery Week
6 – 12	Physician Assistants Week
7 – 13	Emergency Nurses Week
7 – 13	Healthcare Resource and Materials Management Week

7 – 13	Mental Illness Awareness Week
7 – 13	Nuclear Medicine Week
7 – 13	Fire Prevention Week
7 – 13	Healthcare Central Service / Sterile Processing Week
7 – 13	Pediatric Nursing Week
8 – 12	Dialysis Technician Recognition Week
14 – 20	Case Management Week
14 – 20	Infection Prevention Week
15 – 19	Medical Assistants Week
21 – 27	Healthcare Quality Week
21 – 27	Healthcare Facilities and Engineering Week
21 – 27	Hospital and Health-System Pharmacy Week
21 – 27	Kids Care Week
21 – 27	Pastoral Care Week
21 – 27	Respiratory Care Week
22 – 26	School Bus Safety Week
23 – 31	Red Ribbon Week

### **Day**

6	Depression Screening Day
10	SAVE Today
19	Mammography Day
22	Stuttering Awareness Day
4	Lung Health Day
29	Psoriasis Day

## **November**

### **Month**

Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month  
 Bladder Health Month  
 COPD Awareness Month  
 Diabetes Month  
 Diabetic Eye Disease Month  
 Epilepsy Awareness Month  
 Family Caregivers Month  
 Healthy Skin Month  
 Hospice Palliative Care Month  
 Lung Cancer Awareness Month  
 Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month  
 Prematurity Awareness Month  
 Jingle Bell Run / Walk for Arthritis

### **Week**

1 – 7	Medical-Surgical Nurses Week
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- 1 – 7 Urology Nurses and Associates Week
- 4 - 10 Allied Health Professions Week
- 4 – 10 Diabetes Education Week
- 4 – 10 Medical Staff Services Awareness Week
- 4 – 10 Patient Transport Week
- 4 – 10 Radiologic Technology Week
- 5 – 9 Blood Management Awareness Week
- 5 – 11 Perioperative Nurse Week
- 11 – 17 Home Care Month, Hospice Month
- 11 – 17 Mental Health Wellness Week

### **Day**

- 4 Lung Cancer Walk
- 15 Great American Smokeout
- 17 Family Volunteer Day

## **December**

### **Month**

- Safe Toys and Celebrations Month
- Jingle Bell Run / Walk for Arthritis

### **Week**

- 1 – 7 Aplastic Anemia and MDS Awareness Week
- 3 – 7 Older Driver Safety Awareness Week

### **Day**

- 1 AIDS Day