

2011 Health Observances & Recognition Days

January

Month-Long Observances

- 1 – 31 Glaucoma Awareness Month
- 1 – 31 Blood Donor Awareness Month (National)

Week-Long Observances

- 16 – 21 National Activity Professional Week
- 16 – 22 Healthy Weight Week

Recognition Days/Events

- 20 Women's Healthy Weight Day
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February

Month-Long Observances

- 1 – 28 Age-Related Macular Degeneration/Low Vision Awareness Month

Week-Long Observances

- 1 – 7 Patient Recognition Week and Day (National)
 - 7 – 11 Pride in Food Service Week
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March

Month-Long Observances

- 1 – 31 Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month
- 1 – 31 Eye Donor Month (National)
- 1 – 31 Kidney Month (National)
- 1 – 31 Nutrition Month
- 1 – 31 Professional Social Work Month (National)

Week-Long Observances

- 6 – 12 Dental Assistants Recognition Week
- 6 – 12 Patient Safety Awareness Week

Recognition Days/Events

- 28 Diabetes Alert Day (American)
 - 30 Doctor's Day (National)
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April

Month-Long Observances

1 – 30	Alcohol Awareness Month
1 – 30	Foot Health Awareness Month
1 – 30	Humor Month
1 – 30	Occupational Therapy Month

Week-Long Observances

3 – 9	Public Health Week (National)
10 – 16	Healthcare Volunteer Week (National)
17 – 23	Medical Laboratory Professionals Week (National)
24 – 30	Healthcare Administrative Professionals Week

Recognition Days/Events

7	World Health Day
20	Administrative Professionals Day
22	Earth Day

May

Month-Long Observances

1 – 31	Arthritis Awareness Month (National)
1 – 31	Better Hearing and Speech Month
1 – 31	Healthy Vision Month
1 – 31	High Blood Pressure Month (National)
1 – 31	Older Americans Month
1 – 31	Osteoporosis Awareness and Prevention Month (National)
1 – 31	Stroke Awareness Month (National)

Week-Long Observances

1 – 7	Hug Holiday Week
1 – 7	Occupational Safety & Health Week
6 – 12	Nurses Week
8 – 14	Hospital Week
8 – 14	Nursing Home Week (National) Homes for the Aging Week
16 – 22	Medical Transcriptionist Week (National)

Recognition Days/Events

18	Employee Health & Fitness Day (National)
25	Senior Health & Fitness Day (National)

June

Week-Long Observances

16 – 23 Nursing Assistants Week (National)

Recognition Days/Events

5 Cancer Survivors Day (National)

16 Career Nursing Assistants Day (National)

July

Week-Long Observances

2 – 9 Nurses in Staff Development Week

10 – 16 Therapeutic Recreation Week (National)

August

Month-Long Observances

1 – 31 Cataract Awareness Month

1 – 31 Psoriasis Awareness Month

Week-Long Observances

7 – 13 Health Center Week (National)

Recognition Days/ Events

23 Health Unit Coordinator

September

Month-Long Observances

1 – 30 Cholesterol Education Month (National)

1 – 30 Healthy Aging Month

Week-Long Observances

11 – 17 International Housekeepers Week

11 – 17 Assisted Living Week (National)

11 – 17 Healthcare Environmental Services and Housekeeping Week (National)

Recognition Days/Events

24 Family Health & Fitness Days USA

28 Women's Health & Fitness Day (National)

October

Month-Long Observances

1 – 31	Breast Cancer Awareness Month
1 – 31	Chiropractic Health Month (National)
1 – 31	Dental Hygiene Month (National)
1 – 31	Healthy Lung Month
1 – 31	Pharmacists Month
1 – 31	Physical Therapy Month

Week-Long Observances

2 – 8	Gerontological Nurses Week
2 – 8	Healthcare Resource & Materials Management Week (National)
2 – 8	Mental Illness Awareness Week
3 – 9	Healthcare Foodservice Workers Week
6 – 12	Physician Assistants Week (National)
9 – 15	Case Management Week (National)
17 – 21	Medical Assistants Week (National)
17 – 23	Healthcare Quality Week
23 – 29	Healthcare Facilities and Engineering Week (National)
23 – 29	Pastoral Care Week
23 – 29	Respiratory Care Week (National)

November

Month-Long Awareness

1 – 30	Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month
1 – 30	Bladder Health Month
1 – 30	Diabetes Month (American)
1 – 30	Family Caregivers Month (National)
1 – 30	Home Care Month
1 – 30	Hospice Month (National), and Home Care Aide Week
1 – 30	Lung Cancer Awareness Month

Week-Observances

6 – 12	Allied Health Professions Week (National)
6 – 12	Aspiring Nurse Leader Week
6 – 12	Health Information and Technology Week
6 – 12	Medial Staff Services Awareness Week (National)

December

Week-Observances

1 - 7	Aplastic Anemia & MDS Awareness Week
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Recognition Days/Events

1	AIDS Day (World)
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