

2008 Health Observances & Recognition Days

	DATE	WEBSITE
JANUARY		
National Blood Donor Month	1-31	www.aabb.org
National Nurse Anesthetists Week	20-26	www.aana.com
National Medical Group Practice Week	21-25	www.mgma.com
National IV Nurse Day	25	www.ins1.org
FEBRUARY		
American Heart Month	1-29	www.americanheart.org
National Patient Recognition Week	1-7	www.nprw.com
National Burn Awareness Week	3-9	www.shinershq.org
Pride in Food Service Week	4-8	www.dmaonline.org
Cardiovascular Professionals Week	10-16	www.acp-online.org
National Cardiac Rehabilitation Week	10-16	www.aacvpr.org
MARCH		
National Kidney Month	1-31	www.kidney.org
National Brain Injury Awareness Month	1-31	www.biausa.org
National Nutrition Month	1-31	www.eatright.org
National Professional Social Work Month	1-31	www.socialworkers.org
National Child Life Month	1-31	www.childlife.org
Patient Safety Awareness Week	2-8	www.npsf.org
Brain Awareness Week	10-16	www.dana.org
National Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week	16-22	www.aacvpr.org
National Poison Prevention Week	16-22	www.poisonprevention.org
National Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week	16-22	www.inhalants.org
National Doctors' Day	30	www.sma.org
APRIL		
Alcohol Awareness Month	1-30	www.ncadd.org
Child Abuse Prevention Month	1-30	www.preventchildabuse.org
Counseling Awareness Month	1-30	www.counseling.org
Cancer Control Month	1-30	www.cancer.org
National Occupational Therapy Month	1-30	www.aota.org or www.promoteotf.org
National Public Health Week	6-12	www.apha.org
National Healthcare Access Personnel Week	7-12	www.naham.org
World Health Day	7	www.paho.org
National Radiology Nurses Day	10	www.arna.net
Patient Advocacy Week	13-19	www.shca-aha.org
Health Information Privacy/Security Week	13-19	www.ahima.org/hipsweek
National Infant Immunization Week	19-26	www.cdc.gov/vaccines
National Electroneurodiagnostic Week	20-26	www.aset.org
Healthcare Administrative Professionals Week	20-26	www.ahaahap.org
National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week	20-26	www.labweek.org
March of Dimes Walk America	26-27	www.marchofdimes.com
National Healthcare Volunteer Week	27-May 3	www.todaysvolunteer.org Or www.aha.org

MAY

National Arthritis Month	1-31	www.arthritis.org
Better Hearing and Speech Month	1-31	www.asha.org
National Mental Health Month	1-31	www.mentalhealthamerica.net
National Trauma Awareness Month	1-31	www.amtrauma.org
National American Stroke Month	1-31	www.stroke.org
National Critical Care Awareness/Recog. Month	1-31	www.aacn.org or www.sccm.org
Oncology Nursing Month	1-31	www.ons.org
North American Occupational & Safety Week	4-10	www.asse.org
National Nurses Day	6	www.nursingworld.org
National Nurses Week	6-12	www.nursingworld.org
National School Nurse Day	7	www.nasn.org
Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day	7	www.asse.org
National Hospital Week	11-17	www.imprintmall.com/hospitalweek/
National Nursing Home Week	11-17	www.nnhw.org
National Emergency Medical Services Week	18-24	www.acep.org
National Medical Transcriptionist Week	18-24	www.aamt.org
Employee Health & Fitness Day	21	www.physicalfitness.org

JUNE

National Cancer Survivor Day	1	www.ncsdf.org
National Health Care Recruiter Recognition Day	3	www.nahcr.com
National Vascular Nursing Week	9-13	www.svnnet.org
National Men's Health Week	9-15	www.menshealthweek.org
National Nursing Assistants Week	12-19	www.cna-network.org
National Healthcare Risk Management Week	16-20	www.ashrm.org

JULY

National Therapeutic Recreation Week	6-12	www.nrpa.org
National Hospitality House Week	20-26	www.nahhh.org

AUGUST

National Immunization Awareness Month	1-31	www.cdc.gov/nip/events/niam/
Neurosurgery Outreach Month	1-31	www.aans.org
National Kids Day	3	www.nationalkidsday.org
National Health Center Week	3-9	www.healthcenterweek.org
Health Unit Coordinator Day	23	www.nahuc.org

SEPTEMBER

National Assisted Living Week	7-13	www.ncal.org
National Healthcare Environmental Svc. & Housekeeping Week	7-13	www.ashes.org
Nephrology Nurses Week	14-20	www.annanurse.org
National Surgical Technologist Week	14-20	www.ast.org
Neonatal Nurse's Day	15	www.nann.org
National Rehabilitation Awareness Week	21-27	www.nraf-rehabnet.org
Women's Health & Fitness Day	24	www.fitnessday.com
National Family Health & Fitness Day	27	www.fitnessday.com

OCTOBER

National American Pharmacy Month	1-31	www.aphanet.org
National Breast Cancer Awareness Month	1-31	www.nbcam.org
National Physical Therapy Month	1-31	www.apta.org
National AIDS Awareness Month	1-31	www.firstcandle.org
Medical Ultrasound Awareness Month	1-31	www.sdms.org
National Gerontological Nursing Week	1-8	www.ngna.org
Emergency Nurses Week	5-11	www.ena.org
National Healthcare Resource & Materials Mgmt.	5-11	www.ahrmm.org
National Nurse-Midwifery Week	5-11	www.midwife.org
Nuclear Medicine Week	5-11	www/snm.org
National Healthcare Food Service Week	6-12	www.ashfsa.org
National Physician Assistant Week	6-12	www.aapa.org
Emergency Nurses Day	8	www.ena.org
National Pediatric Nursing Week	9-15	www.pedsnurses.org
World Mental Health Day	10	www.wfmh.org
National Case Management Week	12-18	www.acmaweb.org
National Healthcare Central Service Week	12-18	www.ashcsp.org
National Health Education Week	13-17	www.nche.org
National Nephrology Techs/Technologist Week	13-18	www.nant.biz
International Infection Prevention Week	16-22	www.apic.org
National Mammography Day	17	www.nbcam.org
National Respiratory Care Week	19-25	www.aarc.org
National Healthcare Quality Week	19-25	www.nahq.org
National Hospital/Health System Pharmacy Week	19-25	www.ashp.org
National Medical Assistants Week	20-24	www.amt1.com
Nat'l Healthcare Facilities & Engineering Week	20-26	www.ashe.org

NOVEMBER

National Home Care Month	1-30	www.nahc.org
National Hospice Month	1-30	www.nhpco.org
Medical Surgical Nurses Week	1-7	www.medsurgnurse.org
National Urology Nurses Week	1-7	www.sunu.org
National Allied Health Professions Week	2-8	www.asahp.org
National Health Information & Technology Week	2-8	www.ahima.org
National Diabetes Education Week	2-8	www.diabeteseducator.org
National Radiologic Technology Week	2-8	www.asrt.org
National Medical Staff Services Week	2-8	www.namss.org
Perioperative Nurse Week	9-15	www.aorn.org
Great American Smokeout	20	www.cancer.org

DECEMBER

World AIDS Day	1	www.AIDS.gov
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