

# 2020 Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Health Awareness & Professional Recognition Dates

## February

- Cancer Prevention Month
- American Heart Month
- Feeding Tube Awareness Week (10-14)
- World Cancer Day (4)
- Rare Disease Day (29)

## March

- Blood Clot Awareness Month
- Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month
- Kidney Cancer Awareness Month
- Lymphedema Awareness Month
- National Nutrition Month
- Patient Safety Awareness Week (8-14)
- Dress in blue day for colon cancer (6)
- World Lymphedema Awareness Day (6)
- Registered Dietitian Nutritionist Day (11)
- Certified Nurses Day (19)
- Anal Cancer Awareness Day (21)
- National Doctors' Day (30)

## April

- Esophageal Cancer Awareness Month
- National Minority Health Month
- Oral, Head, and Neck Ca Awareness Month
- Testicular Cancer Awareness Month
- Testicular Ca Awareness Week (1-7)
- Oral, Head, & Neck Ca Awareness Wk (13-19)
- WOC Nurse Week (12-18)
- National Volunteer Week (19-25)
- World Health Day (7)
- National Healthcare Decisions Day (16)

## May

- Bladder Cancer Awareness Month
- Melanoma and Skin Cancer Month
- Mental Health Month
- Older Americans Month
- Nurses Week (6-12); Nurses Day (6)
- National Hospital Week (10-16)
- National Women's Health Week (10-16)
- Melanoma Monday (4)
- National Women's Check-up Day (11)
- International Nurses Day (12)
- World IBD Day (19)

- Don't Fry Day (24)
- World Digestive Health Day (29)
- World No Tobacco Day (31)

## June

- Men's Health Month
- National Safety Month
- Wound Healing Awareness Month
- Wound Care Awareness Week (TBA)
- National Nursing Assistant Week (13-20)
- National Men's Health Week (15-21)
- National Cancer Survivors Day (7)
- Norma Gill's Birthday (26)

## July

- Sarcoma Awareness Month
- UV Safety Month

## August

- Summer Sun Safety Month

## September

- Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
- Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month
- Leukemia & Lymphoma Awareness Month
- National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month
- Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month
- Pain Awareness Month
- Sepsis Awareness Month
- National CNS Recognition Week (1-7)
- World Sepsis Day (13)

## October

- Health Literacy Month
- Liver Awareness Month
- National Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- National Physical Therapy Month
- Malnutrition Awareness Week™ (5-9)
- National PA week (6-12)
- International Infection Prevention Wk (TBA)
- National Health Education Week (19-23)
- Ostomy Awareness Day (5)
- World Hospice and Palliative Care Day (10)
- World Mental Health Day (10)
- Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day (13)
- World Thrombosis Day (13)

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## **November**

- Bladder Health Month
- Lung Cancer Awareness Month
- National Diabetes Month
- National Family Caregiver Month
- National Healthy Skin Month
- National Hospice and Palliative Care Month
- Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month
- Stomach Cancer Awareness Month
- Urology Nurses and Associates Week ( 1-7)
- NP Week (8-14)
- Great American Smokeout (19)
- Stop Pressure Ulcers Day (19)
- World Pancreatic Cancer Day (19)
- Family Health History Day (26)

## **December**

- Crohn's and Colitis Week (1-7)

## **Resources:**

- American Cancer Society [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)
- CDC [www.cdc.gov/cancer/](http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/)
- Crohn's and Colitis Foundation  
[www.crohnscolitisfoundation.org/](http://www.crohnscolitisfoundation.org/)
- Healthfinder.gov <https://healthfinder.gov/>
- Men's Health <http://menshealthnetwork.org/>
- United Ostomy Association [www.ostomy.org](http://www.ostomy.org)
- Women's Health  
[www.womenshealth.gov/nwhw](http://www.womenshealth.gov/nwhw)
- WOCN [www.wocn.org](http://www.wocn.org)