

2022 Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Health Awareness & Professional Recognition Dates

January

- Cervical Health Awareness Month

February

- American Heart Month
- Cancer Prevention Month
- Gallbladder and Bile Duct Cancer Month
- Feeding Tube Awareness Week (7-11)
- National Wear Red Day (4)
- World Cancer Day (4)
- National Donor Day (14)
- 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 (13-19)
- Dress in blue day for colon cancer (4)
- HPV Awareness Day (4)
- World Lymphedema Awareness Day (6)
- International Women's Day (8)
- Registered Dietitian Nutritionist Day (9)
- Certified Nurses Day (19)
- Anal Cancer Awareness Day (21)
- National Doctors' Day (30)

April

- Esophageal Cancer Awareness Month
- National Minority Health Month
- Occupational Therapy Month
- Oral, Head, and Neck Ca Awareness Month
- Testicular Cancer Awareness Month
- Testicular Ca Awareness Week (1-7)
- Young Adult Cancer Week (1st week)
- Oral, Head, & Neck Ca Awareness Wk (3-9)
- WOC Nurse Week (17-23)
- National Volunteer Week (17-23)
- World Health Day (7)
- National Healthcare Decisions Day (16)

May

- Bladder Cancer Awareness Month
- Brain Tumor Awareness Month
- Melanoma and Skin Cancer Month
- Mental Health Month
- National Physical Fitness & Sports Month
- Older Americans Month
- Nurses Week (6-12); Nurses Day (6)
- National Hospital Week (9-15)
- National Women's Health Week (8-14)
- Melanoma Monday (4)
- Women's Checkup Day (9)
- International Nurses Day (12)
- World Ovarian Cancer Day (8)
- World IBD Day (19)
- Don't Fry Day (27)
- World No Tobacco Day (31)

June

- Cancer Survivor Month
- Men's Health Month
- National Safety Month
- Wound Healing Awareness Month
- National Nursing Assistant Week (13-20)
- National Men's Health Week (13-19)
- Black Family Cancer Awareness Week (16-22)
- National Nursing Assistant Week (16-22)
- National Cancer Survivors Day (5)
- Norma Gill's Birthday (26)

July

- Sarcoma Awareness Month
- UV Safety Month

August

- Appendix Cancer Awareness

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

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- Thyroid Cancer Awareness Month
- National CNS Recognition Week (1-7)
- Malnutrition Awareness Week™ (19-23)
- National Rehab Awareness Week (19-25)
- National Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer Week (9/25-10/1)
- World Sepsis Day (13)
- Mesothelioma Awareness Day (26)
- Rare Cancer Day (30)

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)
- National Case Management Week (9-15)
- Home Parenteral Nutrition Week (10-14)
- International Infection Prevention Wk (16-22)
- Health Education Week (17-21)
- Ostomy Awareness Day (1)
- World Hospice and Palliative Care Day (8)
- World Mental Health Day (10)
- Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day (13)
- World Thrombosis Day (13)
- National Mammography Day (21)

November

- Bladder Health Month
- Carcinoid/Neuroendocrine Tumor Month
- Lung Cancer Awareness Month
- Movember – Men's Health Month
- National Diabetes Month
- National Family Caregiver Month
- National Healthy Skin Month
- National Hospice and Palliative Care Month
- National Marrow Awareness Month
- Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month
- Stomach Cancer Awareness Month
- Urology Nurses and Associates Week (1-7)
- Nurse Practitioner Week (6-12)
- Great American Smokeout (17)
- Stop Pressure Ulcers Day (17)
- World Pancreatic Cancer Day (17)
- Family Health History Day (24)

December

- Crohn's and Colitis Week (1-7)
- Cancer Screen Week (6-10)
- World Aids Day (1)

Resources

- 2022 Health Observances Calendar
www.healthgrades.com/blog/2022-health-observances-calendar
- 2022 Nursing Recognition Calendar
<https://mediakit.nurse.com/mark-nursing-recognition-dates-calendar/>American Cancer Society www.cancer.org
- CDC www.cdc.gov/
- Crohn's and Colitis Foundation
www.crohnscolitisfoundation.org/
- Employee Appreciation Recognition Dates
<https://crestline.com/c/employee-appreciation-days>
- Healthfinder.gov <https://healthfinder.gov/>
- Men's Health <http://menshealthnetwork.org/>
- National Today <https://nationaltoday.com/>
- United Ostomy Association www.ostomy.org
- Women's Health
www.womenshealth.gov/nwhw
- WOCN www.wocn.org

Please note that some dates may change closer to the awareness week or day.

Click on the awareness title for a link to a website.