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25th NATIONAL INTRAVENOUS NURSE DAY

To honor the nation's intravenous (IV) nurse professionals. Infusion Nurses Society, Attn: Jason Beal, 220 Norwood Park South, Norwood, MA 02062. (781) 440-9408, ext. 316 or www.ins1.org.

20th-26th HEALTHY WEIGHT WEEK

Healthy Weight Week celebrates healthy lifestyles that prevent eating and weight problems. Healthy Weight Network, Attn: Francie M. Berg, 402 South 14th St., Hettinger, ND 58639. (701) 567-2646 or www.healthyweight.net.

20th-25th NATIONAL ACTIVITY PROFESSIONALS WEEK

To recognize the contribution of activity professionals to the well being of long term care, adult day care, senior center and retirement living clients. National Association of Activity Professionals, Attn: Diane Mockbee, 2711 W. Plata Ave., Mesa, AZ. (480) 946-6571, ext.149 or www.thenaap.com.

NATIONAL GLAUCOMA AWARENESS MONTH

Prevent Blindness America® will provide information about this "sneak thief of sight." Organizations are encouraged to educate the community through screenings, forums and programs. Prevent Blindness America®, Attn: Betsy Van Die, 500 E. Remington Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60173. (847) 843-2020 or www.preventblindness.org.

NATIONAL THYROID AWARENESS MONTH

This is an initiative established by the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists. Fleishman-Hillard, Attn: Theresa Dolge, 220 East 42nd St., 12th Floor, New York, NY 10017. (212) 453-2492 or www.aace.com.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER BLOOD DONOR MONTH

Pay tribute to regular blood donors while encouraging others to donate. American Association of Blood Banks, Attn: Jennifer Gartinkel, 8101 Glenbrook Rd., Bethesda, MD 20814. (301) 215-6526 or www.aabb.org.

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1st WOMEN'S HEART HEALTH DAY

This day provides an opportunity to promote heart health for women. Over 240,000 women die of heart disease every year, five times the number who die from breast cancer. Women's Health Hotline, Attn: Ms. Charlotte Libov, 28B Heritage Circle, Southbury, CT 06488. (203) 264-9704 or www.libov.com.

1st NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY FOR WOMEN

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Go Red for Women is the American Heart Association's national call for women to live stronger, healthier lives – red being the association's color for women and heart disease. So wear red to show support for all women who have been touched by heart disease. American Heart Association, Attn: Mirissa Shirley, 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX 75231-4596. (214) 706-1345 (800) AHA-USA1 or (800) 242-8721 or www.americanheart.org

4th-8th FOOD SERVICE WEEK

An annual event honoring dietary managers and their employees to celebrate the important role they play in institutional food service. Dietary Managers Association, Attn: Kim DeMoulin, 406 Surrey Woods Dr., St. Charles, IL 60174. (630) 587-6336 ext. 123, or Fax: (630) 587-6308 or Email: kimdemoulin@dmaonline.org or www.dmaonline.org

10th-16th NATIONAL CARDIAC REHABILITATION WEEK

Designed to promote the role of prevention in the treatment of heart disease. American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation, 401 N. Michigan Ave. Suite 2200, Chicago, IL 60611. (312) 321-5146 or www.aacvpr.org

10th-16th NATIONAL CARDIOVASCULAR PROFESSIONALS WEEK

This week celebrates the contribution cardiovascular professionals make to health care. For more information or to receive buttons, posters and memorabilia, contact Peggy McElginn, Alliance of Cardiovascular Professionals, P.O. Box 2007, Midlothian, VA 23112. Phone: (804) 632-0078; Fax: (804) 639-9212 or E-mail: peggymcelgunn@comcast.net Website: www.acp-online.org

AGE RELATED MACULAR DEGENERATION / LOW VISION AWARENESS MONTH

American Academy of Ophthalmology – The Eye M.D. Association, Attn: Georgia Alward, P.O. Box 7424, San Francisco, CA 94120-7424. (415) 447-0258 or www.medem.com/eyemd.

AMERICAN HEART MONTH

Volunteers across the nation provide educational information about heart disease and stroke. It is the leading cause of death among women in the United States. American Heart Association, Attn: Mirissa Shirley, 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX 75231-4596. (214) 706-1345 or (800) AHA-USA1 or (800) 242-8721 or www.americanheart.org.

NATIONAL HYPERTENSION AWARENESS MONTH

Pharmacists Planning Service, Inc., Attn: Fred Meyer, PO Box 6760, San Rafael, CA 94903-0760. (415) 479-8628 or www.ppsinc.org.

WISE HEALTH CONSUMER MONTH

American Institute for Preventive Medicine, Attn: Elaine Frank, M.Ed., R.D., 30445 Northwestern Highway Suite 350, Farmington Hills, MI 48334. (248) 539-1800 ext. 247 or (800) 345-2476 or www.healthylife.com.

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25th AMERICAN DIABETES ALERT DAY
One-day public awareness campaign of the signs, dangers, and treatment of diabetes. American Diabetes Association, Attn: Diane Tuncer, 1701 North Beauregard Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. (703) 549-1500 or www.diabetes.org.

30th NATIONAL DOCTOR'S DAY
Celebrated on this day since 1990. Southern Medical Association Auxiliary, Attn: Lana Burwell, 35 Lakeshore Drive, P.O. Box 190088, Birmingham, AL 35209-0088. (800) 423-4992 or (205) 945-1840 ext.185 or www.sma.org.

3rd-9th NATIONAL SLEEP AWARENESS WEEK
Contact National Sleep Foundation, Attn: Ann Marie Wilson, 1522 K St., NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20005. (202) 347-3471 or www.sleepfoundation.org.

2nd-8th PATIENT SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK
Patient Safety Awareness Week is a national education and awareness-building campaign for educating patients on how to become involved in their own health care. National Patient Safety Foundation, 132 MAA MoCa Way, North Adams, MA 01247 Phone: (413) 663-8900 or Fax: (413) 663-8905 or www.npsf.org

17th-21st LONG TERM CARE ADMINISTRATORS WEEK
Sponsored by the American College of Health Care Administrators to recognize the contributions of administrators for long-term care facilities. ACHCA, 300 N Lee St., Suite 301, Alexandria, VA 22314-2807. (888) 88-ACHCA or (703) 739-7900 or www.achca.org

16th-22nd NATIONAL PULMINARY REHABILITATION WEEK
Promotes awareness of the role of pulmonary rehabilitation in the treatment of chronic obstructive airway disease. American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation, 401 North Michigan Ave. Suite 2200, Chicago, IL 60611-4267. (312) 321-5146 or www.aacvpr.org.

GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP™
March 1st -May 31st
Everyone deserves to live in a community environment that is healthy, safe, clean and beautiful. For information about the 2008 Great American Cleanup, the nation's largest community improvement program! Keep America Beautiful, Inc., Attn: Gail Cunningham, 1010 Washington, Boulevard, Stamford, CT 06901. (203) 323-8987 or www.kab.org.

NATIONAL COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
March is set aside to educate and inform the public about colorectal cancer. American Cancer Society, National Headquarters, Attn: Sonya We, 1599 Clifton Rd. NE, Atlanta, GA 30329-4251. (800) ACS- 2345 or www.cancer.org.

NATIONAL KIDNEY MONTH
Programs are coordinated nationally and at the local level. National Kidney Foundation, Inc., 30 East 33rd Rd., Suite 1100, New York, NY 10016. (800) 622-9010 or www.kidney.org

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NATIONAL CRAFT MONTH

Sponsored by the Craft and Hobby Association, 319 East 54th Street, Elmwood Park, New Jersey 07407. For information contact (201) 794-1133 or visit www.craftplace.org

NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH

Contact American Dietetic Association, Attn: Francis Austin, 120 S. Riverside Plaza, Suite 2000, Chicago, IL 60606. (312) 899-0040 or www.eatright.org

NATIONAL SAVE YOUR VISION MONTH

American Optometric Association, Attn: Susan Thomas, 243 North Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63141. (800) 365-2219 ext. 263 or (314) 991-4100 or www.aoa.org.

NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH

National Association of Social Workers, Inc., 750 First St., NE, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20002-4241. (800) 638-8799 or (202) 408-8600 or www.socialworkers.org.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

"Women's Art: Women's Vision" is the 2008 Theme for National Women's History Month
The 2008 theme will celebrate and recognize the vision of women artists. Honorees will be selected to represent the diverse forms of visual arts including painting, sculpture, weaving, pottery, embroidery, and modern media art. National Women's History Project, Attn: Molly Macgregor, 3343 Industrial Dr., Suite 4, Santa Rosa, CA 95403. (707) 636-2888 or www.nwhp.org.

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7th WORLD HEALTH DAY

World Health Day brings together all health professions and specialties to promote better health. American Association for World Health, Attn: Jill Boezwinkle, World Health Day, 1825 K St. NW Suite 1208, Washington, DC 20036. (202) 466-5883 or www.who.int/world-health-day .

16th NATIONAL HEALTHCARE DECISIONS DAY

Healthcare providers, professionals, chaplains, attorneys and others will participate in a massive effort to highlight the importance of advance healthcare decision-making. Resources available at www.nationalhealthcaredecisionsday.org. AHCA is a partner in this national effort.

22nd EARTH DAY

Founded by the organizers of the first Earth Day in 1970, Earth Day Network (EDN) promotes environmental citizenship and year round progressive action worldwide. Earth Day Network, Attn: Kathleen Rogers, 1616 P Street, NW, Suite 200 Washington, DC 20036. (202) 518-0044 or www.earthday.net.

24th TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS AND SONS TO WORK™ DAY

Ms. Foundation for Women, Attn: LaWanda Abel, Program Manager, 120 Wall St., 33rd Floor, New York, NY 10005. (212) 742-2300 ext. 4429 or www.DaughtersandSonstoWork.org.

6th-12th NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

American Public Health Association, Attn: Lakita Mayo, 800 I St. NW, Washington, DC 20001-3710. (202) 777-2742 or www.apha.org.

13th-19th NATIONAL PATIENT ADVOCACY WEEK

Honor the healthcare professionals who work to ensure that residents receive high-quality healthcare. Society for Healthcare Consumer Advocacy, American Hospital Association, One North Franklin, 31st Floor, Chicago, IL 60606. Email: shca@aha.org or (312) 422-3851 or www.aha.org.

20th-26th NATIONAL MINORITY CANCER AWARENESS WEEK

American Cancer Society, 1599 Clifton Rd., NE, Atlanta, GA 30329. (404) 329-7650 or www.cancer.org.

20th-26th MARCH OF DIMES WALKAMERICA

The nation's biggest and oldest charity walking event involves more than a million volunteers at 1,450 sites across the country. March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, Attn: Tony Choppa 1275 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, NY 10605. (914) 997-4601 or www.modimes.org.

20th-26th ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY AND WEEK

The event is celebrated worldwide, bringing together millions of people for recognizing support staff. International Association of Administrative Professionals®, Attn: Rick Stroud, 10502 N.W. Ambassador Drive P.O. Box 20404, Kansas City, MO 64195-0404. (816) 891-6600 or www.iaap-hq.org.

April 27th-May 3rd NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

The Points of Light Foundation sponsors National Volunteer Week. The Points of Light Foundation, 1400 I St., NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20005. (202) 729-8168 or www.pointsoflight.org.

TBD COVER THE UNINSURED WEEK

Help get America covered - forty-six million Americans are living without health insurance. This week helps raise awareness about the plight of the uninsured. Sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. 202-572-2928. www.covertheuninsured.org or info@covertheuninsured.org

ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

Contact National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc., 20 Exchange Place, Suite 2902, New York, NY 10005-3201. (212) 269-7797 or www.ncadd.org

NATIONAL HUMOR MONTH

National Humor Month focuses on the therapeutic value of laughter and programs for healthcare professionals. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to The Carmel Institute of Humor, Attn: Larry Wilde, 25470 Canada Dr., Carmel, CA 93923-8926. (831) 624-3058 or www.larrywilde.com.

NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MONTH

To recognize the services and accomplishments of occupational therapy practitioners and promote awareness of the benefits of occupational therapy. American Occupational Therapy Association, Communications Group, 4720 Montgomery Ln., Box 31220, Bethesda, MD 20824-1220. (301) 652-6611 or www.aota.org.

NATIONAL PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH

Contact National Parkinson Foundation, INC. 1501 N.W. 9th Avenue / Bob Hope Road, Miami, Florida 33136-1494. (305) 243-6666 or 1-800-327-4545, Fax: (305) 243-5595 or www.parkinson.org.

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5th MELANOMA MONDAY
To raise awareness of melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, National Self-Examination Day encourages Americans to begin a lifelong habit of regular skin self-examinations. American Academy of Dermatology, 930 E. Woodfield Road, Schaumburg, IL 60173. (847) 330-0230 or www.aad.org.

6th-12th NATIONAL NURSES DAY AND WEEK
National Nurses Day is celebrated May 6th. The American Nurses Association, 600 Maryland Ave. SW Suite 100 West, Washington, DC 20024. (202) 651-7018 or (800) 274-4ANA or www.nursingworld.org.

12th FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE'S BIRTHDAY (1820-1910)
A British nurse whose work significantly contributed to the development of modern professional nursing.

21st NATIONAL EMPLOYEE HEALTH AND FITNESS DAY
This day highlights the importance of a healthy workplace and fitness programs. Contact National Association for Health and Fitness, 201 S. Capital Ave., #560, Indianapolis, IN 46223, (716) 583-0521 or www.physicalfitness.org.

30th NATIONAL SENIOR HEALTH AND FITNESS DAY
Older adults will participate in health promotion events at more than 1,500 local organizations. Mature Market Resource Center, Attn: Tina Godin, 1850 West Winchester Road, Suite 213, Libertyville, IL 60048. (847) 816-8660 or www.fitnessday.com

4th-10th NATIONAL HUG HOLIDAY WEEK
"Huggers of all ages are invited to visit "Community Hug Centers" at participating senior and long-term care facilities to share hugs and fill their hug prescriptions! Promote your facility by hosting a "Community Hug Center." Increase awareness by pledging the number of hugs you intend to share in the *national competition for Most Hugs Shared!* Community Hug Center Registration Form, Guidelines, Hug Holiday Product Order Form and Information available FREE online at www.hugs4health.org or request for "Hug Center Guidelines" to: Hugs for Health, POB 896, Seal Beach, CA 90740-0896.

11th-17th NATIONAL NURSING HOME WEEK
National Nursing Home Week begins annually with Mother's Day. The theme for 2008 is "Love Is Ageless." National Nursing Home Week is a community outreach program designed to familiarize the public with nursing facilities and their services. Activities are conducted locally by individual long-term care facilities. For a free planning guide and product catalog, write: American Health Care Association, National Nursing Home Week, Attn: Alexis Starkey, 1201 L St. NW, Washington, DC 20005. (202) 898-6301 or astarkey@ahca.org or www.nnhw.org.

11th-17th NATIONAL HOSPITAL AND HEALTHCARE WEEK
Focuses public attention on the numerous contributions hospitals make to their communities. HealthShare, Texas Hospital Association, Attn: Vicki A. Pascasio, 6225 US Highway 290 East, Austin TX 78723. (512) 465-1070 or www.healthshare-tha.com.

ALLERGY AND ASTHMA AWARENESS MONTH
Allergy and Asthma Network Mothers of Asthmatics (AANMA), 2752 Prosperity Ave., #150, Fairfax, VA 22031. 800-787-4403 or www.aanma.org.

ARTHRITIS WALK

To find the date of the walk in your area contact the Arthritis Foundation, Attn: Lynne Unglo, 1330 West Peachtree St., Suite 100, Atlanta, GA 30309. (404) 965-7661 or www.arthritis.org.

BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH

This month recognizes the audiologists, speech-language pathologists, and other professionals who work with people who have communication challenges. American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), 10801 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-3279. (301) 897-5700 ext. 4524 or www.asha.org.

CLEAN AIR MONTH

The American Lung Association's activities raise awareness about lung diseases such as asthma, emphysema and chronic bronchitis. American Lung Association, 1726 M St. NW, Washington, DC 20036. (800) 586-4872 or www.lungusa.org.

HEALTHY VISION MONTH

The National Eye Institute, one of the Federal government's National Institutes of Health, sponsors Healthy Vision Month. Healthy Vision Month, National Eye Institute, 2020 Vision Place, Bethesda, MD 20892-3655. (301) 770-5800 X5815. To download educational materials visit: <http://www.healthyvision2010.org>.

NATIONAL AMERICAN STROKE MONTH

This observance is an opportunity to elevate awareness of stroke, motivate individuals to take action to reduce their risk and demonstrate commitment to the fight against stroke. National Stroke Association, 9707 East Easter Lane, Englewood, CO 80112. (800) 787-6537 or (303) 649-9299 or www.stroke.org.

NATIONAL ARTHRITIS MONTH

The Arthritis Foundation is leading efforts to prevent, control and cure arthritis, and increase support for the nearly 43 million Americans with arthritis. Arthritis Foundation, 1330 W. Peachtree St., Atlanta, GA 30309. (404) 965-7661 or www.arthritis.org.

NATIONAL HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE EDUCATION MONTH

To promote the control and treatment of high blood pressure. The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, PO Box 30105, Bethesda, MD 20824-0105. (301) 592-8573 or www.nhlbi.nih.gov.

NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Campaign to enlighten the public about mental health and mental illness. National Mental Health Association, 2001 N. Beauregard St., 12th Floor, Alexandria, VA 22311, (703) 684-7722 or www.nmha.org.

NATIONAL OSTEOPOROSIS PREVENTION MONTH

This event kicks off year-round osteoporosis awareness and education programs. National Osteoporosis Foundation, 1232 22nd St. NW, Washington, DC 20037-1292. (202) 223-2226 or www.nof.org.

NATIONAL PHOTO MONTH

Photo Marketing Association International, 3000 Picture Place, Jackson, MI 49201. (517) 788-8100 or www.pmai.org.

NATIONAL PHYSICAL FITNESS AND SPORTS MONTH

Schools, parks, YMCA's, business and government agencies are encouraged to conduct special events to call attention to local physical and sports programs. President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, 200 Independence Ave. SE, Room 738-H, Washington, DC 20201. (202) 690-9000 or www.fitness.gov.

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

Older Americans Month is observed throughout the United States by aging advocacy organizations, state and area agencies on aging, and providers. Administration on Aging, U.S. Health & Human Services, Attn: Moya Thompson, 200 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20201. (202) 401-4541 or www.aoa.gov.

WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE MONTH

Public education campaign to highlight women's unique health concerns. There is a \$15 charge for kit materials. Pharmacists Planning Service, Inc., Attn: Fredrick "Fred" S. Mayer, R. Ph., M.P.H., PO Box 6760, San Rafael, CA 94903-0760, (415) 479-8628.

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1st CANCER SURVIVORS DAY

The first Sunday of June honors the millions of cancer survivors and also those who fought hard but lost the battle to cancer. American Cancer Society, 1599 Clifton Rd. NE, Atlanta, GA 30329-4251. (800) ACS-2345 or www.cancer.org.

15th PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS DAY

Prostate cancer is the most common type of cancer found in American men. For more information contact: American Cancer Society, National Headquarters, 1599 Clifton Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30329-4251. Phone: 800-ACS-2345 Website: www.cancer.org.

1st-7th DYSTONIA AWARENESS WEEK

To advance research for more treatments and a cure of this movement disorder; to support the needs and well being of affected individuals and families. Attn: Jennifer Molski, One East Wacker Drive, #2430, Chicago, IL 60601. (312) 755-0198 or www.dystonia-foundation.org.

1st-7th NATIONAL HEADACHE AWARENESS WEEK

National Headache Foundation, Attn: Suzanne E. Simons, 820 N. Orleans, Suite 217, Chicago, IL 60610-3132. (312) 274-2651 or www.headaches.org

9th-15th NATIONAL MEN'S HEALTH WEEK

Held each year during the week preceding Father's Day, this week is designed to promote the benefits of preventative healthcare among men. National Men's Health Foundation, 33 East Minor St., Emmaus, PA 18098-0099. (610) 967-8620 or www.menshealth.com.

12th-19th NURSING ASSISTANTS' DAY AND WEEK

Observed annually the first Thursday in June and the seven days after to recognize nursing assistants who provide care to ill, elderly, and long term care patients. National Network of Career Nursing Assistants, Career Nurse Assistants Programs Inc., Attn: Jeni Gipson, 3577 Easton Rd., Norton, OH 44203. (330) 825-9342 or www.cna-network.org.

22nd-28th HELEN KELLER DEAF-BLIND AWARENESS WEEK

The week promotes an awareness and sensitivity to the needs of Americans who are deaf-blind, or vision and hearing impaired. Helen Keller National Center, 111 Middle Neck Rd., Sands Point, NY 11050. (516) 944-8900, (Voice), (516) 944-8637 (TTY) or www.helenkeller.org.

NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH

National Safety Council, Attn: Harold Thompson, 1121 Spring Lake Dr., Itasca, IL 60143-3201. (800) 621-7615 ext. 2383 or (630) 285-1121 or www.nsc.org.

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18th DENTAL AWARENESS DAY

The Academy of General Dentistry put dental dilemmas to rest by hosting Smile Line, a national dental health hotline that consumers can call to talk one-on-one with a dentist. Anyone with questions or concerns about oral health can call the Smile Line, toll free, at 800-SMILE33 (800-764-5333) from 8:00a.m. to 8:00p.m. (ET) to receive dental advice.

27th NATIONAL PARENTS' DAY

Parents' Day is established for "recognizing, uplifting, and supporting the role of parents in the rearing of children." It is celebrated the 4th Sunday of every July. National Parents' Day Council, Attn: Howard Self, 3600 New York Ave., NE, Washington, DC 20002. (202) 636-2854 or www.parentsday.com.

2nd 9th NATIONAL NURSES IN STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

This week promotes the practice of staff development to enhance high-quality healthcare outcomes. National Nursing Staff Development Organization, 7794 Grow Dr., Pensacola, FL 32514. (850) 474-0995 or www.nnsdo.org.

6th-12th NATIONAL THERAPEUTIC RECREATION WEEK

The purpose of National Therapeutic Recreation Week is to enhance awareness of therapeutic recreation programs and services, and to expand recreation and leisure opportunities for individuals with disabilities. National Recreation and Park Association, 22377 Belmont Ridge Rd., Ashburn, VA 20148. (703) 858-2153 or www.nrpa.org.

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5th NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

This national program is a coordinated effort by local crime prevention agencies and communities to promote crime prevention. National Association of Town Watch, Inc., Attn: Matt Peskin, PO Box 303, Wynnewood, PA 19196. (610) 649-7055 or www.natw.org.

22nd BE AN ANGEL DAY

A day to do "one small act of service for someone." Rev. Jayne M. Howard, PO Box 95, Upperco, MD 21155. (410) 833-6912 or www.earthangel4peace.com.

23rd HEALTH UNIT COORDINATOR DAY

To promote health unit coordinating as a profession through education and certification, in compliance with the NAHUC Standards of Practice, Standards of Education and Code of Ethics. NAHUC, 9147 Madron Rd., Rockford, IL 61107. (888) 22-NAHUC or www.nahuc.org.

ALZHEIMER'S MEMORY WALK (August – November)

Alzheimers Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., 17th Floor, Chicago, IL 60601. (800) 272-3900 or www.alz.org.

CATARACT AWARENESS MONTH

American Academy of Ophthalmology, Attn: Diana Austin, PO Box 7424, San Francisco, CA 94120-7424. (415) 561-8500 or www.aao.org.

NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH

To increase awareness about immunization as the medical community begins preparations for the flu season. National Partnership for Immunization, Attn: David Neumann, 121 North Washington St., Suite 300, Alexandria, VA 22314. (703) 836-6110 or www.partnersforimmunization.org.

PSORIASIS AWARENESS MONTH

The National Psoriasis Foundation, Attn: Lorey Kresse, 6600 S.W. 92nd Ave., Suite 300, Portland, OR 97223. (503) 244-7404 or www.psoriasis.org.

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7th NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS DAY

Celebrated every year on the first Sunday after Labor Day since 1978. (619) 585-8259 or www.grandparents-day.com.

24th NATIONAL WOMEN'S HEALTH & FITNESS DAY

Health Information Resource Center, Attn: Tina Godin, 1850 West Winchester Road, Suite 213, Libertyville, IL 60048. (800) 828-8225 or www.fitnessday.com.

7th-13th NATIONAL ASSISTED LIVING WEEK®

Sponsored by the National Center for Assisted Living(NCAL) this week begins annually on Grandparents Day. National Assisted Living Week® commemorates the staff and customers of our nation's assisted living residences. This year's theme is "Filling Our Life with Love." National Center for Assisted Living, Attn: Shelley Sabo, National Assisted Living Week, 1201 L St. NW, Washington, DC 20005. (202) 898-6301 or Igelhaus@ncal.org or www.nalw.org

7th-13th NATIONAL HEALTHCARE HOUSEKEEPING WEEK

This event recognizes the valuable contributions of housekeeping staff. American Society for Healthcare Environmental Services, AHA, One North Franklin Suite 2800, Chicago, IL 60606. (312) 422-3860 or www.ashes.org.

14th-20th PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS WEEK

Prostate Health Council, American Foundation for Urologic Disease, 1128 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21201. (800) 242-2383 or www.pcaw.com or www.afud.org

21st-27th NATIONAL REHABILITATION AWARENESS WEEK

Celebrated annually the third week in September. National Rehabilitation Awareness Foundation, Attn: Michelle Criscera, PO Box 71, Scranton, PA 18501-0071. (800) 943-6723 or www.nraf-rehabnet.org.

21st-27th NATIONAL ADULT IMMUNIZATION WEEK

Talk with your patients and staff about vaccine-preventable diseases and ensure that they are protected against influenza and pneumonia. National Immunization Program Public Inquiries, Mailstop E-05, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30333, or call CDC Information Contact Center 800-232-4636 or nipinfo@cdc.gov.

AMERICAN HEART WALK

State affiliates have the walk on different weekends throughout the month. American Heart Association 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX 75231-4596. (214) 706-1841 or www.americanheart.org.

HEALTHY AGING® MONTH

Focuses national attention on the positive aspects of aging, in the areas of physical, social, mental and financial fitness. Educational Television Network, Inc., PO Box 442, Unionville, PA 19375. (610) 793-0979 or www.healthyaging.net.

NATIONAL CHOLESTEROL MONTH

Contact Information Specialist, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, PO Box 30105, Bethesda, MD 20824-0105. (301) 592-8573 or www.nhlbi.nih.gov.

NATIONAL OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE MONTH

To raise awareness of osteopathic physicians (DO's) as a healthcare option when choosing a physician. American Osteopathic Association (AOA), 142 East Ontario St., Chicago, IL 60611. (800) 621-1773 or www.aoa-net.org.

NATIONAL SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH

Contact Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc., Attn: Ralph Sutton, 200 Corporate Pointe, Suite 495, Culver City, CA 90230-7633. (800) 421-8453 or www.sicklecelldisease.com.

PROSTATE HEALTH MONTH

The Foundation uses the entire month to raise awareness. American Foundation for Urologic Disease, 1128 North Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21201. (410) 468-1800 or www.prostatehealth.com.

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9th NATIONAL DEPRESSION SCREENING DAY

The goal of this event is to educate people on the signs and symptoms of depression and provide free screening and information on the availability of treatment. Screening for Mental Health, One Washington St., Suite 304, Wellesley Hills, MA 02481. (781) 239-0071 or www.mentalhealthscreening.org.

17th NATIONAL MAMMOGRAPHY DAY

Women are encouraged to have a mammogram. American College of Radiology, 1891 Preston White Dr., Reston, VA 20191. (703) 648-8900 or www.acr.org.

25th MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

Make A Difference Day is a national day of helping others—a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors. Created by USA WEEKEND magazine in partnership with the Points of Light Foundation, the event takes place on the fourth Saturday of every October. Judges select ten projects for the national Make A Difference Day Awards. For more information, contact: Make A Difference Day. Phone: 800-416-3824 or E-mail: diffday@usaweekend.com or www.usaweekend.com/diffday.

21st NATIONAL PHARMACY TECHNICIAN DAY

American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, Attn: Ellen Wilcox, Director, Public Relations 7272 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814 301-664-8621 or 301-657-3000 or www.ashp.org

1st-8th NATIONAL GERONTOLOGICAL NURSING WEEK

This week advances the specialty practice of Gerontological nursing. National Gerontological Nursing Association, 7794 Grow Dr., Pensacola, FL 32514-7072. (800) 723-0560 or www.ngna.org.

23rd – 29th HEARING AID AWARENESS WEEK

Hearing Aid Helpline, International Hearing Society, 1688 Middlebelt Rd. Suite 4, Livonia, MI 48154. (800) 521-5247 or www.ihinfo.org.

3rd – 9th NATIONAL MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK

To focus public attention on mental illness and the availability of treatments. American Psychiatric Association, 1401 K St., NW, Washington, DC 20005. (202) 682-6141 or www.psych.org.

6th – 10th CUSTOMER SERVICE WEEK

It is a week to celebrate the great job that customer service reps (receptionists, patient account reps, etc) are doing. Celebrated annually the first week of October. Information can be found at www.csweek.com

7th- 13th RESIDENTS' RIGHTS WEEK

Residents' Rights Week is celebrated the first full week in October to honor residents living in all long term care facilities. It is a time for every facility to focus on and celebrate awareness of dignity and respect of each individual resident. Contact: Julia Meashey, National Citizens' Coalition for Nursing Home Reform, 1829 L Street, NW, Suite 801, Washington, DC 20036 or jmeashey@nccnhr.org or <http://www.nursinghomeaction.com>.

6th-12th NATIONAL HEALTHCARE FOOD SERVICE WEEK

Honors employees who work behind the scenes preparing and serving food in healthcare facilities. Contact American Society for Healthcare Food Service Administrators, One North Franklin, Chicago, IL 60406. (800) 620-6422 or www.ashfsa.org.

12th-18th CASE MANAGEMENT WEEK

Recognizes case management professionals and provides education regarding case management. Celebrated annually the second full week of October. Case Management Society of American, 8201 Cantrell, Suite 230, Little Rock, AK 72227. Contact Michele Lee at (501) 225-2229 ext. 20 or mlee@acminet.com or www.acmsa.org.

5th-11th NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK—FIRE DRILLS: THE GREAT ESCAPE!

Free information on educational programs and materials. National Fire Protection Association, One Battery March Park, Quincy, MA 02269. (617) 770-3000 or www.nfpa.org and www.sparky.org.

19th-25th NATIONAL HEALTHCARE QUALITY WEEK

This event increases awareness and appreciation of healthcare quality. Celebrated annually the second full week of October National Association for Healthcare Quality, 4700 West Lake Ave., Glenview, IL 60025. (800) 966-9392 or www.nahq.org.

19th – 25th NATIONAL PHARMACISTS WEEK

American Pharmaceutical Association, Public Relations Director, 2215 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20037-2985. (202) 429-7558 or www.aphanet.org.

16th-22nd NATIONAL INFECTION PREVENTION WEEK

Contact Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc., Attn: Deborah R. Timmons, 1275 K St. NW Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20005-4006. (202) 789-1890 or www.APIC.org.

19th-25th NATIONAL RESPIRATORY CARE WEEK

This week is used to promote respiratory health. American Association for Respiratory Care, Attn: Kris Kurkendall, 9425 MacArthur Blvd., Suite 100, Irving, TX 75063. (972) 243-2272 or www.aarc.org.

20th-26th NATIONAL HEALTHCARE FACILITIES AND ENGINEERING WEEK

This week recognizes healthcare facilities engineers and facilities managers. Promotional items are available for purchase. American Society for Healthcare Engineering, Attn: Sharon Autrey, One North Franklin, Chicago, IL 60606. (312) 422-3811 or www.ashe.org.

20th-26th PASTORAL CARE WEEK "IMAGINING COMMUNITY"

Sponsored by the Coalition on Ministry in Specialized Settings (COMISS), a coordinating agency of religious endorsing bodies and pastoral care organizations. Pastoral Care Week Committee, NACC, PO Box 07473, Milwaukee, WI 53207-0473. (414) 483-4898 or www.pastoralcareweek.org.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

AstraZeneca HealthCare Foundation, Attn: Kathleen Paranzino, 1800 Concord Pike, Wilmington, DE 19850. (302) 886-7585 or www.nbcam.org.

LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH

Lupus Foundation of America, Attn: Duane Peters, 1300 Piccard Dr., Suite 200, Rockville, MD 20850. (800) 558-0121 or www.lupus.org.

NATIONAL AIDS AWARENESS MONTH

Pharmacists Planning Service, Inc., Attn: Fred Mayer, PO Box 6760, San Rafael, CA 94903-0760. www.ppsinc.org or www.aids.org.

NATIONAL BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH

Sponsored by the Brain Injury Association. Brain Injury Association, 105 N. Alfred St., Alexandria, VA 22314. (703) 236-6000 or www.biausa.org.

NATIONAL DENTAL HYGIENE MONTH

American Dental Hygienists' Association, 444 N. Michigan Ave. Suite 3400, Chicago, IL 60611. (312) 440-8900 or www.adha.org.

NATIONAL PHYSICAL THERAPY MONTH

American Physical Therapy Association, Public Relations, 1111 North Fairfax St., Alexandria, VA 22314-1488. (703) 684-2782 ext. 3248 or (800) 999-2782 or www.apta.org.

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13th NATIONAL COMMEMORATIVE CANDLE LIGHTING
An annual event sponsored by the Alzheimer's Foundation of America held on the second Thursday of November. Sites across the nation hold candle lighting ceremonies to remember and honor those affected by Alzheimer's disease and related illnesses. To become a site or to locate a site, contact Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 866-232-8484, or info@alsfdn.org or www.alzfdn.org.

TBD NATIONAL MEMORY SCREENING DAY
An annual event sponsored by the Alzheimer's Foundation of America. Healthcare professionals at sites across the nation provide free, confidential memory screenings and educational material as a first step toward detection; this is not a diagnosis. To become a site or to locate a site, contact Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 866-232-8484, or info@alsfdn.org or www.alzfdn.org.

20th GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT DAY
Held annually on the Thursday before Thanksgiving, the Smokeout is an upbeat, good-natured effort to encourage smoke-free environments. American Cancer Society, 1599 Clifton Rd. NE, Atlanta, GA 30329. (404) 320-3333 or www.cancer.org.

2nd-8th NATIONAL HEALTH INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY WEEK
This week recognizes the professionals who maintain personal clinical record information. American Health Information Management Association, 233 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 2150, Chicago, IL 60601-5800. (312) 233-1100 or www.ahima.org.

TBD NATIONAL HOME HEALTH AIDE WEEK
This week celebrates the dedicated staff who work in home health care settings. National Association for Home Care, 228 7th St. SE, Washington, DC 20003. (202) 547-7424. Website: www.nahc.org.

16th-22nd BLADDER HEALTH WEEK
Bladder Health Week is a national public education campaign sponsored by the Bladder Health Council of the American Foundation for Urologic Disease. Bladder Health Council/American Foundation for Urologic Disease, 1128 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21201. (410) 468-1800 or www.afud.org.

NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH
National Caregivers Association, Attn: Suzanne Mintz, 10400 Connecticut Ave., Suite 500, Kensington, MD 20895. (301) 942-6430 or (800) 896-3650 or www.thefamilycaregiver.org.

AMERICAN DIABETES MONTH
The American Diabetes Association sponsors events and activities across the country to raise awareness of the information and services available for the 13 million people with diabetes. American Diabetes Association, Attn: Diane Tuncer, 1701 North Beauregard St., Alexandria, VA 22311. (703) 549-1500 or www.diabetes.org.

NATIONAL ALZHEIMER'S MONTH

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To increase awareness of the disease and what the Alzheimer's Association is doing to help persons with Alzheimer's, their families and caregivers. Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., 17th Floor, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone: (800) 272-3900 or www.alz.org.

NATIONAL HOSPICE MONTH

To promote awareness of hospice care, and to honor patients and family members, as well as the dedicated professionals and volunteers who serve in hospice settings. Hospice Association of America (an affiliate of the National Association of Home Care) 228 Seventh St., SE, Washington, DC 20003. Phone: (202) 546-4759 or (202) 547-7424 or www.hospice-america.org or www.nahc.org.

NATIONAL HOME HEALTH CARE MONTH

To promote awareness of home health care workers. Hospice Association of America (an affiliate of the National Association of Home Care) 228 Seventh St., SE, Washington, DC 20003. Phone: (202) 546-4759 or (202) 547-7424 or www.hospice-america.org or www.nahc.org

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1st WORLD AIDS DAY

To focus world attention on the fight against AIDS. World AIDS Day, American Association for World Health, 1825 K St., NW, Suite 1208, Washington, DC 20006. Phone: (202) 466-5883 or www.thebody.com/aawh/aawhpage.html.

3rd INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DISABLED PERSONS

The annual observance of the International Day of Disabled Persons aims to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. For more information, please contact: Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Division for Social Policy and Development, United Nations Headquarters, Two United Nations Plaza, 13th Floor, New York, NY, 10017, Fax: 212-963-3062 or enable@un.org

CHRISTMAS SEALS[©] CAMPAIGN

For more than 90 years, donations to the American Lung Association's Christmas Seals Campaign have helped fund programs of education, advocacy and research for lung disease and its causes. American Lung Association, 475 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20001. (202) 682-5864 or (800) LUNG-USA or www.lungusa.org.

JINGLE BELL RUN FOR ARTHRITIS[®] MONTH

Communities celebrate this event to help the Arthritis Foundation support research and improve the quality of life for people affected by arthritis. Contact your local chapter of the Arthritis Foundation. (404) 872-7100 or www.arthritis.org.