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1–31 | Contact Lens Safety Month

Approximately 41 million US residents wear contact lenses. Prevent Blindness provides tips and information on how to obtain, use and care for contact lenses safely.

For more information, contact: Prevent Blindness
800.331.2020 | info@preventblindness.org
www.preventblindness.org | @PBA_SavingSight

1–31 | Dental Hygiene Month (National)

National Dental Hygiene Month is a time to increase public awareness about the importance of maintaining good oral hygiene practices and to celebrate dental hygienists as prevention specialists and oral health educators for the public.

For more information, contact: Communications Division | American Dental Hygienists' Association
312.440.8900 | communications@adha.net
www.adha.org | @youradha | #NDHM2020

1–31 | Disability Employment Awareness Month

National Disability Employment Awareness Month is commemorated annually in October. Enacted by the Congress in 1945, it has become the kickoff month for year-round programs nationwide that highlight the value that people with disabilities bring to the workplace.

For more information, contact: Carol Dunlap ODEP | 202.693.7902 | dunlap.carol@dol.gov
www.dol.gov/odep

1–31 | Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Each October, Domestic Violence Awareness Month is recognized to bring awareness to the intersectional nature of domestic violence and to connect advocates who work to end violence. We can all do #1Thing to address violence, injustice & inequity. Awareness + Action = Social Change

For more information, contact: Domestic Violence Awareness Project | National Resource Center on Domestic Violence | 800.537.2238 x106, 717.991.9405 | nrcdvta@nrcdv.org
www.dvawareness.org | @NRCDV | #DVAM2020 #1Thing

1–31 | Health Literacy Month

Health Literacy Month brings attention to the importance of understandable health information. This annual, worldwide awareness event was founded in 1999. Over the years, health care organizations, community services, health literacy coalitions, government agencies, literacy programs, universities and others have hosted a wide range of Health Literacy Month events, including how-to workshops for professionals, wellness programs for patients and the public and educational offerings for students at all levels.

For more information, contact: Beth Scott Institute for Healthcare Advancement
562.690.4001 | bscott@ih4health.org
www.ih4health.org | @ih4healthlit | #ih4hlc

1–31 | Medical Librarians Month (National)

The Medical Library Association (MLA) created National Medical Librarians Month to bring awareness to the vital role of the health sciences information professional. With the massive amount of health information available online, patients, clinical staff and medical students need the specialized services of medical librarians now more than ever.

For more information, contact: Tomi Gunn MLA | 312.419.9094 | gunn@mail.mlhq.org
www.mlanet.org | #NMLM

1–31 | Medical Ultrasound Awareness Month

Medical Ultrasound Awareness Month is held annually in October to create awareness, and to educate the public about medical ultrasound and its many uses in health care. The monthlong celebration is a joint effort of the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine, American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography, American Society of Echocardiography, Cardiovascular Credentialing International, Society for Vascular Ultrasound and Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography (SDMS)

For more information, contact: Kelly Stafford SDMS | 214.473.8057 | kstafford@sdms.org
www.sdms.org | @TheSDMS | #MUAM20

1–31 | Pharmacists Month (American)

There are more ways to celebrate American Pharmacists Month than there are days in October. The American Pharmacists Association (APhA) has compiled ideas for activities and events that spotlight pharmacists' contributions toward improving medication use and advancing patient care in all practice settings. Use these ideas throughout October—and all year long—to inspire your celebrations.

For more information, contact: American Pharmacists Association
www.pharmacist.com/american-pharmacists-month



1–31 | Physical Therapy Month (National)

National Physical Therapy Month is celebrated by the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) each October to recognize how physical therapists and physical therapist assistants can transform people's lives by restoring and improving motion.

**For more information, contact: Public Relations Department | American Physical Therapy Association | 703.706.3216
public-relations@apta.org
www.moveforwardpta.com | @MoveForwardPT
#ChoosePT**

1–31 | "Talk About Your Medicines" Month

The BeMedWise Program at Needy Meds is hosting the 35th annual "Talk About Your Medicines" Month (TAYMM) observance. TAYMM highlights the important role that high-quality communication between the health care provider and the patient can play in promoting safe and appropriate medicine use, improved medication adherence and better health outcomes. The BeMedWise Program mission (formerly the National Council on Patient Information and Education—NCPIE) works to promote the wise use of medicines through trusted communication for better health.

**For more information, contact: Deborah Davidson NCPIE | 301.340.3940 | deborah.davidson@needymeds.org | www.bemedwise.org and talkaboutyourmedicines.org
@BeMedWise | #TAYMM**

4–10 | Fire Prevention Week

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has been the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week since 1922. Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record. The President of the United States has signed a proclamation recognizing a national observance during that week every year since 1925.

**For more information, contact: Customer Service National Fire Protection Association | 617.770.3000 or 800.344.3555 | custserv@nfpa.org
www.firepreventionweek.org | #FirePreventionWeek**

4–10 | Healthcare Supply Chain Week (National)

Each year, the first week of October is dedicated to celebrating health care supply chain professionals for their outstanding contributions to healthcare and the overall success of the supply chain. Sponsored by the Association for Health care Resource and Materials Management (AHRMM), National Healthcare Supply Chain Week provides an opportunity to recognize the integral role supply chain professionals play in delivering high-quality patient care throughout the health care field.

**For more information, contact: AHRMM American Hospital Association | 312.422.3850
ahrmm@aha.org | www.ahrmm.org/scweek
@AHRMMtweets | #SCWeek**

5–11 | Healthcare Foodservice Workers Week

In 1985, the U.S. Congress declared the first week in October to be a time to recognize the role of food service staff in helping patients and health care employees stay well-nourished and healthy. The importance of excellent nutrition has been established and well-documented, but it is even more critical to individuals in health care facilities. This week is an excellent opportunity to recognize and thank the dedicated individuals who provide food and nutrition services in health care.

**For more information, contact: Kent Hamaker Association for Healthcare Foodservice 703.662.0615 | khamaker@healthcarefoodservice.org
www.healthcarefoodservice.org
@AHFNetwork | #AHF #SelfOperated**

6–12 | Physician's Assistants Week (National)

National Physicians Assistants Week celebrates the physician assistant profession and its contributions to the nation's health. Before it was a weeklong event, National PA Day was first celebrated on October 6, 1987, in honor of the 20th anniversary of the first graduating class of physician assistants from the Duke University PA program. This year marks the 53rd anniversary of the PA profession.

**For more information, contact: Carrie Munk American Academy of PAs | 571.319.4477
cmunk@aapa.org | www.aapa.org
@AAPAorg | #PAWeek #YourPACan**

16 | Healthcare Security and Safety Week

During Healthcare Security and Safety Week and throughout the year, the International Association for Healthcare Security and Safety (IAHSS) celebrates the role of security and safety professionals in providing health-care facilities, personnel, patients and visitors a secure environment. This week is set aside to recognize the importance of security, and acknowledges the strong commitment, diligence and care officers display in their practice and profession.

**For more information, contact: Colleen Kucera International Association for Healthcare Security and Safety (IAHSS) | 630.529.3913
colleen@iahss.org and info@iahss.org
www.iahss.org | @iahss | #HSSW2020**

11–17 | Infection Prevention Week (International)

International Infection Prevention Week helps patients, families and health care professionals better understand their role in preventing infections. Established in 1986 by President Ronald Reagan, the Association

for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) has spearheaded the annual effort to highlight the importance of infection prevention to health care professionals, administrators, legislators and consumers.

For more information, contact: Elizabeth Garman APIC – Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology | 202.789.1890 egarman@apic.org | www.apic.org/infectionpreventionandyou | @APIC | #IIPW

12 | Arthritis Day (World)

World Arthritis Day, established in 1996, is observed each year on October 12. Coordinated in the United States by the Arthritis Foundation, the event joins together people with rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases from around the world to raise awareness and reduce the impact of arthritis.

For more information, contact: Arthritis Foundation 404.872.7100 | www.arthritis.org | @ArthritisFdn @ArthritisFoundation

12–18 | Nephrology Technicians/Technologists Recognition Week

This weeklong event is celebrated to increase awareness of nephrology professionals involved in patient care, dialyzer reuse, equipment maintenance, kidney transplantation and administrative areas. The celebration recognizes the contributions dialysis professionals make to the health care field and to their patients' quality of life.

For more information, contact: National Association of Nephrology Technicians/Technologists 937.586.3705 | nant@meinet.com www.DialysisTech.net

16 | Healthcare Security and Safety Officer Appreciation Day

The International Association for Healthcare Security and Safety (IAHSS) honors health care security and safety officers for their service in protecting health care facilities, personnel, patients and visitors. This appreciation day recognizes the important role of the health care security and safety officer and acknowledges the strong commitment, diligence and care they display in their practice and profession.

For more information, contact: Colleen Kucera International Association for Healthcare Security and Safety (IAHSS) | 630.529.3913 colleen@iahss.org and info@iahss.org www.iahss.org | @iahss | #HSSW2020

18–24 | National Health Care Quality Week

This week is dedicated to celebrating the contributions professionals have made in health care quality and bringing greater

awareness to the profession of health care quality.

For more information, contact: Mary Ann M. Rausa National Association for Healthcare Quality 312.579.3042 | marausa@nahq.org <https://nahq.org/about/healthcare-quality-week> @mynahq | #HQW2019

18–24 | Nuclear Science Week

Nuclear Science Week is a week-long celebration to focus local, regional, national, and international interest on all aspects of nuclear science. The week provides for learning about the contributions, innovations and opportunities that can be found by exploring nuclear science.

For more information, contact: National Museum of Nuclear Science & History | 505.245.2137 www.nuclearscienceweek.org #nuclearsciweek

19–23 | Medical Assistants Recognition Week

Registered medical assistants and American Medical Technologists (AMT) will be celebrating Medical Assistants Recognition Week in October. Please join AMT in promoting this important event that recognizes medical assisting's vital role, contributions and efforts in health care, and help us begin raising awareness of the profession today.

For more information, contact: Cathie Casey American Medical Technologists | 847.939.3376 mail@americanmedtech.org www.americanmedtech.org | @americanmedtech #AMTMarWeek

22 | Stuttering Awareness Day (International)

International Stuttering Awareness Day is a special time to educate both the public and professionals about stuttering and the many effective options available for those who stutter.

For more information, contact: Joan Warner The Stuttering Foundation of America 800.992.9392 | jfraser@stutteringhelp.org www.stutteringhelp.org | @stutteringfdn

22 | Red Ribbon Week

National Red Ribbon Week is the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation. Sponsored by the National Family Partnership (NFP), Red Ribbon Week began in 1985 when people began wearing red ribbons symbolizing a drug-free lifestyle after the brutal death of Kiki Camarena, an agent with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency. Red Ribbon Week is celebrated every year in communities across the country.

For more information, contact: National Family Partnership | 305.856.4886 www.redribbon.org | @redribbonweek #yourfutureiskeystoydrugfree #redribbonweek

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25-31 | Health Care Facilities and Engineering Week (National)

This observance recognizes the important role that the health care facility team plays in ensuring safe and functional environments for patients, visitors and staff. The contributions made by these individuals are critical to the health care team and in optimizing the health care physical environment.

For more information, contact: ASHE | American Hospital Association | 312.422.3800 | ashe@aha.org | www.ashe.org/engineeringwk/index.shtml | @ASHEAHA | #HealthEngWeek

