

2023 Healthcare Recognition Dates: Don't be Caught by Surprise!

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Here is the list of healthcare recognition dates for 2023! With your help, it has become much more comprehensive. It includes dates for employee recognition as well as dates for recognition and awareness of medical conditions/diseases.

Why are medical conditions included since this blog is directed at HR professionals? I am glad you asked. Medical awareness dates have been included because: (1) several HR leaders shared that they try to tailor employee wellness communications around these dates, (2) many non-HR departments (marketing, nursing) were using our list.

The information is organized by month as follows:

- Monthly - alpha
- Weekly - Chronological
- Day - Chronological

Dates that involve recognition of people or healthcare functions are listed in **bold**.

January

- Cervical Cancer Awareness Month
- Glaucoma Awareness Month
- National Birth Defects Awareness Month
- National Blood Donor Month
- Thyroid Awareness Month
- **National Activity Professionals Week - Jan. 22-28**
- World Leprosy Week - Jan. 29 - Feb. 4
- World Braille Day - Jan. 4

- **National Marketing Day - Jan. 11**
- **National Pharmacist Day - Jan. 12**
- **National IV Nurse Day - Jan. 25**
- **National Activity Professionals Day - Jan. 27**
- World Leprosy Day - Jan. 29

February

- AMD/Low Vision Awareness Month
- American Heart Month
- National Children's Dental Health Month
- Wise Health Care Consumer Month
- Patient Recognition Week - Feb. 1 - 7
- **Pride in Foodservice Week - Feb. 6 -10**
- **Peri-Anesthesia Nurse Week - Feb. 6 - 12**
- **Phlebotomist Recognition Week - Feb. 13-17**
- Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Week - Feb. 13-19
- **Cardiovascular Professionals Week. Feb . 14 - 20**
- National Eating Disorders Awareness Week - Feb. 23- Mar. 1
- **Wear Red Day - Feb. 3**
- **National Women Physician Day - Feb. 3**
- International Epilepsy Day - Feb. 13
- **National Caregivers Day - Feb. 17**

March

- American Red Cross Month
- Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month
- Brain Injury Awareness Month
- Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month
- Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month
- **National Athletic Training Month**
- National Nutrition Month
- **National Social Work Month**

- National Aplastic Anemia and MDS Awareness Week - Mar. 1 - 6
- Endometriosis Awareness Week - Mar. 3 - 9
- **Dental Assistant Recognition Week - Mar. 5 - 11**
- **National School Social Work Week - Mar. 5 - 11**
- MS Awareness Week - Mar. 12 - 18
- **Patient Safety Awareness Week - Mar. 12 - 18**
- **Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week - Mar. 12 - 18**
- **Healthcare HR Professionals Week - Mar. 15 - 19**
- National Poison Prevention Week - Mar. 19 - 25
- Baby Sleep Day - Mar. 1
- **Employee Appreciation Day - Mar. 3**
- Brain Injury Awareness Day - Mar. 4
- **National Dentist Day - Mar. 6**
- **Nutrition and Dietetics Technician, Registered Day - Mar. 9**
- **Certified Nurses Day - Mar. 19**
- **World Social Work Day - Mar. 21**
- World Tuberculosis Day - Mar. 24
- **National Doctors Day - Mar. 30**
- **National Medical Billers Day - Mar. 30**
- **Anesthesia Tech Day - Mar. 31**

April

- Autism Awareness Month
- Cesarean Awareness Month
- Child Abuse Awareness Month
- Defeat Diabetes Month
- IBS Awareness Month
- National Alcohol Awareness Month
- National Donate Life Month
- **National Volunteer Month**
- **Occupational Therapy Month**
- Parkinson's Awareness Month
- Primary Immunodeficiency Awareness Month
- Sarcoidosis Awareness Month

- **National Cancer Registrars Week - Apr. 3 - 7**
- **National Public Health Week - Apr. 3 - 9**
- Patient Access Week - Apr. 3 - 9
- **National Volunteer Week - Apr. 16-22**
- **National Osteopathic Medicine Week - Apr. 17 - 23**
- **Health Information Professionals Week - Apr. 18-24**
- **Administrative Professionals Week - Apr. 22 - 28**
- **Medical Laboratory Professionals Week - Apr. 23 - 29**
- **Transplant Nurses Week - Apr. 24 - May 1**
- National Infant Immunization Week - Apr. 24 - May 1
- Autism Awareness Day - Apr. 2
- **National Employee Benefits Day - Apr. 6**
- World Health Day - Apr. 7
- National Alcohol Screening Day - Apr. 7
- World Parkinson's Day - Apr. 11
- World Hemophilia Day - Apr. 17
- **Administrative Professionals Day - Apr. 26**
- Sarcoidosis Awareness Day - Apr. 30

May

- Arthritis Awareness Month
- Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month
- Better Sleep Month
- Better Speech and Hearing Month
- Celiac Disease Awareness Month
- Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month
- **Global Employee Health and Fitness Month**
- Healthy Vision Month
- Hepatitis Awareness Month
- High Blood Pressure Education Month
- Huntington's Disease Awareness Month
- Lupus Awareness Month
- Lyme Disease Awareness Month
- Melanoma Skin Cancer Month

- Mental Health Awareness Month
- Neurofibromatosis Month
- **National Cancer Research Month**
- **National Critical Care Awareness Month**
- National Osteoporosis Awareness and Prevention Month
- National Stroke Awareness Month
- **Oncology Nursing Month**
- **National Nurses Week - May 6 - 12**
- **National Hospital Week - May 7 - 13**
- **North American Occupational Safety and Health Week - May 7 - 13**
- **Healthcare Technology Management Week - May 14 - 20**
- **Healthcare Documentation Integrity Week - May 14 - 20**
- **National Skilled Nursing Care Week - May 14 - 20**
- **National Women's Health Week - May 14 - 20**
- **Neuroscience Nurses Week - May 14 - 20**
- **National EMS Week - May 21 - 27**
- Melanoma Monday - May 1
- World Hand Hygiene Day - May 5
- **National Nurses Day - May 6**
- World Lupus Day - May 10
- **National Employee Health and Fitness Day - May 17**
- Neurofibromatosis Day - May 17
- **National Speech Pathologist Day - May 18**
- **Critical Care Wear Blue Day - May 19**
- **National Accounts Receivable Appreciation Day - May 19**
- **International Human Resources Day - May 20**
- **Emergency Medical Services Day - May 21**
- **National Medical Coders Day - May 23**
- World No Tobacco Day - May 31

June

- Cataract Awareness Month
- Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month
- National Aphasia Awareness Month

- National Men's Health Month
- National Migraine and Headache Awareness Month
- National PTSD Awareness Month
- **National Safety Month**
- National Scleroderma Awareness Month
- National Scoliosis Awareness Month
- Men's Health Week - June 12-18
- **National Nursing Assistant Week - June 15 - 21**
- **Healthcare Risk Management Week - June 19-23**
- Helen Keller Deaf-Blind Awareness Week - June 25 - July 1
- National Cancer Survivors Day - June 4
- **National Career Nursing Assistant Day - June 14**
- World Blood Donor Day - June 14
- World Sickle Cell Awareness Day - June 19
- National HIV Testing Day - June 27
- National PTSD Awareness Day - June 27

July

- Cord Blood Awareness Month
- UV Safety Awareness Month
- **National Therapeutic Recreation Week - July 9 - 15**
- **World Plastic Surgery Day - July 15**
- **National Intern Day - July 27**
- **System Administrator Appreciation Day - July 28**
- World Hepatitis Day - July 28

August

- Children's Eye Health and Safety Month
- MedicAlert Awareness Month
- National Eye Exam Month
- National Immunization Awareness Month
- Psoriasis Awareness Month

- Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month
- World Breastfeeding Week – Aug. 1 – 7
- **National Health Center Week - Aug. 6 - 12**
- National Minority Donor Awareness Day – Aug. 1
- **Health Unit Coordinator Day - Aug. 23**

September

- Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
- Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month
- Leukemia and Lymphoma Awareness Month
- National Cholesterol Education Month
- National Infant Mortality Awareness Month
- National Recovery Month
- National Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month
- Pain Awareness Month
- Prostate Cancer Awareness Month
- Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month
- Reye's Syndrome Awareness Month
- Sepsis Awareness Month
- Thyroid Cancer Awareness Month
- **Vascular Nurses Week - Sept. 3 -9**
- **Environmental Services Week - Sept. 10 -16**
- **National Assisted Living Week - Sept. 10 - 16**
- **Nursing Professional Development Week - Sept. 10 -16**
- **Neonatal Nurses Week - Sept. 11 - 17**
- International Clean Hands Week – Sept. 17 – 23
- **National Surgical Technologists Week - Sept. 17 - 23**
- **World Physical Therapy Day - Sept. 8**
- Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day – Sept. 9
- World Suicide Prevention Day – Sept. 10
- **Programmers Day - Sept. 13**
- **Neonatal Nurses Day - Sept. 15**
- **National Working Parents Day - Sept. 16**
- **IT Professionals Day - Sept. 19**

- **National Addiction Professionals Day - Sept. 20**
- World Alzheimer's Day - Sept. 21
- **Business Women's Day - Sept. 22**
- International Ataxia Awareness Day - Sept. 25
- **National Food Service Employees Day - Sept. 25**
- **World Pharmacist Day - Sept. 25**
- **Human Resource Professional Day - Sept. 26**
- World Heart Day - Sept. 29

October

- **American Pharmacists Month**
- Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- **Clergy Appreciation Month**
- Down Syndrome Awareness Month
- Health Literacy Month
- Healthy Lung Month
- **Medical Ultrasound Awareness Month**
- **National Bullying Prevention Month**
- **National Chiropractic Health Month**
- **National Disability Employment Awareness Month**
- National Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- National Liver Awareness Month
- **National Orthodontic Health Month**
- **National Physical Therapy Month**
- National Spina Bifida Awareness Month
- Rett Syndrome Awareness Month
- SIDS Awareness Month
- **Healthcare Foodservice Workers Week - Oct. 1 - 7**
- **Healthcare Supply Chain Week - Oct. 1 - 7**
- Mental Illness Awareness Week - Oct. 1 - 7
- **Customer Service Week - Oct. 2 - 6**
- **National Physician Assistant Week - Oct. 6 - 12**
- **Emergency Nurses Week - Oct. 8 - 14**
- **Sterile Processing Professionals Week - Oct. 8 - 14**

- **Dialysis Technician Recognition Week - Oct. 9 - 13**
- International Infection Prevention Week - Oct, 15 - 21
- **National Pharmacy Week - Oct. 15 - 21**
- **National Healthcare Facilities & Engineering Week - Oct. 22 - 28**
- **National Respiratory Care Week - Oct. 22 - 28**
- **Red Ribbon Week - Oct. 23 - 31**
- National Depression Screening Day - Oct. 5
- World Cerebral Palsy Day - Oct. 6
- World Mental Health Day - Oct. 10
- **National Emergency Nurses Day - Oct. 11**
- Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day - Oct. 13
- **Boss's Day - Oct. 16**
- World Spine Day - Oct. 16
- **National Pharmacy Technician Day - Oct. 17**
- **National Medical Assistants Day - Oct. 18**
- National Mammography Day - Oct. 20
- World Osteoporosis Day - Oct. 20
- International Stuttering Awareness Day - Oct. 22
- **World Occupational Therapy Day - Oct. 27**

November

- American Diabetes Month
- COPD Awareness Month
- Diabetic Eye Disease Month
- Lung Cancer Awareness Month
- Mouth Cancer Action Month
- National Adoption Awareness Month
- National Epilepsy Month
- National Family Caregivers Month
- National Healthy Skin Month
- **National Hospice and Palliative Care Month**
- National Marrow Awareness Month
- Prematurity Awareness Month
- Pulmonary Hypertension Awareness Month

- Stomach Cancer Awareness Month
- **National Allied Health Week - Nov. 5 - 11**
- **National Diabetes Education Week - Nov. 5 - 11**
- **National Patient Transport Week - Nov. 5 - 11**
- **National Radiologic Technology Week - Nov. 5 - 11**
- **Nurse Practitioner Week - Nov. 12 - 18**
- **Perioperative Nurse Week - Nov. 12 - 18**
- GERD Awareness Week - Nov. 19 - 25
- **World Radiography Day - Nov. 8**
- **International Accounting Day - Nov. 10**
- World Pneumonia Day - Nov. 12
- **Operating Room Nurse Day - Nov. 14**
- World Diabetes Day - Nov. 14
- **National Education Support Professionals Day - Nov. 15**
- Great American Smokeout - Nov. 16
- World COPD Day - Nov. 17
- **Computer Security Day - Nov. 30**

December

- Give the Gift of Sight Month
- National Hand Washing Awareness Week - Dec. 3 - 9
- National Influenza Vaccination Week - Dec. 3 - 9
- World AIDS Day - Dec. 1
- International Day of Persons with Disabilities - Dec. 3
- **International Volunteer Day - Dec. 5**

There seems to be a recognition date for every employee group. I am sure that some have been missed. Please feel free to contact me with additions or corrections. That is how this list has grown to this size!