2017
HEALTH AWARENESS CALENDER

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JANUARY

Sunsmart Skin Cancer Awareness Month
4 World Braille Day
31 World Leprosy Day

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FEBRUARY

Healthy Lifestyle Awareness Month
Reproductive Health Month
Environmental Health Awareness Month
4 World Cancer Day
10-16 STI’s / Condom Week
8-14 Pregnancy Awareness Week
13 National Epilepsy Week
19 Healthy Lifestyles Awareness Day
21-28 March HPV 1st round
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MARCH

TB Awareness Month
3       World Hearing Day
4-8    School Health Week
8       International Women's Day
12-18  World Glaucoma Week
16-22  World Salt Awareness Week
10      World Kidney Day
20      World Head Injury Awareness Day
21      Human Rights Day
21      World Down Syndrome Day
24      World TB day
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APRIL

Health Awareness Month
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MAY

Anti-Tobacco Campaign Month
Burns Awareness Month
International Multiple Sclerosis Month
1-8  Hospice Week
5  World Hand Hygiene Day
6-12  Burns Awareness Week
8  World Red Cross
10  World Move for Health Day
12  World Chronic Fatigue and Immune Dysfunction Syndrome
12  International Nurses Day
15 May-15June  Go Turquoise for the Elderly
17  World Hypertension Day
27 May-2June  Child Protection Week
28  International Day of Action for Women’s Health
31  World No Tobacco Day

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JUNE

Men’s Health Month
National Blood Donor Month
National Youth Month
Go Turquoise for the elderly Month
1  International Children’s Day
2  International Cancer Survivor’s Day
3-9 World Heart Rhythm Week
4  International Day of Innocent Children - Victims of Aggression
5  World Environment Day
14 World Blood Donor Day
15 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
21 National Epilepsy Day
21-27 National Epilepsy Week
24-28 SANCA Drug Awareness Week
26 International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Drug Trafficking

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**JULY**

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AUGUST

Bone Marrow Stem Cell Donation and Leukaemia Awareness Months (spans 15 August to 15 October)
National Women’s Month
Organ Donor Month
Child Health Month
1-7 World Breastfeeding Week
1-7 CANSA Care Week
6-12 Polio Awareness Week
4-10 Rheumatic Fever and Rheumatic Heart Disease
9 National Women’s Day
12 International Youth Day
22-27 Sept HPV 2nd round
26-31 African Traditional Medicine Week
31 African Traditional Medicine Day
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SEPTEMBER

Albinism Awareness Month
Bone Marrow Stem Cell Donation and Leukaemia Awareness Months (spans 15 August to 15 October)
Cervical Cancer Awareness Month
Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
Eye Care Awareness Month (spans 19 September to 16 October)
Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month
National Heart Awareness Month
National Month of Deaf People
National Oral Health Month
2-6 Kidney Awareness Week
2-6 Back Week
9 International Foetal Alcohol Syndrome Day

10 International Gynaecological Health Day
14 National Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder Day (ADHD)
15 National Sunflower Day
21 World Alzheimer’s Day
19-25 World Retina Week
23 Commencement of Eye Care Awareness Month
26 World Retina Day
26 World Environmental Health Day
26 World Contraception Day
28 World Rabies Day
29 World Heart Day

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OCTOBER

12-20 World Bone and Joint Week
15 National Foetal Alcohol Syndrome Day
15-19 National Obesity Week
16 World Food Day
16 World Spine Day
17 World Trauma Day
17 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
20 National Down Syndrome Day
20 World Osteoporosis Day
20-26 International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week
23 National Iodine Deficiency Disorder Day
24 World Polio Day
28-3 Nov World Stroke Week
29 World Stroke Day
30 Commemoration of African Food and Nutrition Security Day

Bone Marrow Stem Cell Donation and Leukaemia Awareness Month
(spans 15 August to 15 October)
Eye Care Awareness Month
(spans 23 September to 20 October)
Breast Cancer Awareness Month
Mental Health Awareness Month
1 International Day for Older Persons
1 National Inherited Disorder Day
9 International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction
9-15 National Nutrition Week
10 World Mental Health Day
10 World Hospice and Palliative Care Day
12 World Sight Day
11-17 Case Manager Week
12 World Arthritis Day

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**NOVEMBER**

**Quality Month**

**Red Ribbon Month**

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DECEMBER

Prevention of Injuries Month
Sunsmart Skin Cancer Awareness Month
1 World AIDS Day
3 International Day of Persons with Disability
5 International Volunteers Day
9 World Patient Safety Day
10 International Human Rights Day
12 Universal Health Coverage Day

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