

# Recognizing Special Dates in June and July 2008

These are the June and July calendars of annual health observances and recognition dates for healthcare. Health observances are days, weeks, or months devoted to promoting particular health concerns. This information will come in handy for community relations programs as well as employee appreciation events. Health professionals, teachers, hospital staff and community groups can use these special times to sponsor health promotion events, stimulate awareness of health risks or focus on disease prevention.

June Calendar	Dates	July Calendar	Dates
Aphasia Awareness Month, National	1-30	Eye Injury Prevention Month	1-31
Cancer Survivor's Day, National (1st Sunday)	1	Fireworks Safety Month (through July 4)	Jun 1 - Jul 4
Eye Safety Awareness Week (9 days including July 5)	27-Jul 5	Hospitality House Week (4th Sunday)	27-Aug 2
Fireworks Safety Month	Jun 1 - Jul 4	International Group B Strep Awareness Month	1-31
Headache Awareness Week, National (1st week)	1-7	International Massage Week (3rd Sunday)	20-26
Helen Keller Deaf-Blind Awareness Week (week including 27th)	22-28	Light the Night for Sight	May-July
Hernia Awareness Month	1-30	Sobriety Checkpoint Week, National	30 - Jul 4
HIV Testing Day, National	27	Therapeutic Recreation Week, National (2nd Sunday)	13-19
Home Safety Month	1-30	UV Safety Month	1-31
Light the Night for Sight	May - July		
Men's Health Week, National (2nd Monday)	9-15		
Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month	1-30		
Safety Month, National	1-30		
Scleroderma Awareness Month, National	1-30		
Sobriety Checkpoint Week, National	30 - Jul 4		
Vision Research Month	1-30		

Editor's note: The following tables were obtained from [www.pohly.com/dates](http://www.pohly.com/dates) and edited for publication in HEALTHbeat. Any dates(s) labeled "National" refer(s) to the USA but are frequently observed in Canada as well.

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- Use and promote the use of innovative and emerging technologies to enhance efficiency and effectiveness. Providing patients with the "right care at the right time" can be accomplished by linking patients to services and providers through the use of information and communications technology. The use of the emerging science of robotics will support health professionals by allowing providers to focus on professional tasks.
  - Integrate nursing knowledge in the development of healthy public policy to integrate provincial and territorial health systems. Such integration will support easy access to health services anywhere in the country. (p.2-3)
- CNA believes that to accomplish the above it must "be the change [that it wishes] to see in the world" and has set out what needs to be done for each phase of the transformation. The Association is looking forward with anticipation to working with the nurses of

Canada and its partners in every sector to "build a 21st century health system that is sensitive, responsive, proud and effective for all Canadians." (p.4)

Congratulations to the Canadian Nurses Association on its 100th anniversary year!

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