

Advocacy Ahead · October – December 2026

The 3–Month *Patient Advocacy Calendar*.

Seven focus areas. The moments ahead that bring patients, advocates and health systems together.

32

Awareness moments

7

Focus areas

2

Enrollment windows

Month Month-long observance

18 Awareness day or week

◆ Guideline release

	October	November	December
● Autoimmune	12 World Arthritis Day 29 World Psoriasis Day		1–7 Crohn's & Colitis Week
● Bone	12–20 Bone & Joint Action Week 16 World Spine Day 20 World Osteoporosis Day		
● Cardiometabolic	Sudden Cardiac Arrest Month	American Diabetes Month 14 World Diabetes Day	◆ ADA Standards of Care
● Donation & Transplant	Liver Awareness Month 9 Lung Transplant Awareness Day	National Marrow Awareness Month 13–15 National Donor Sabbath	
● Oncology	Breast Cancer Awareness Month Liver Cancer Month 13 Metastatic Breast Cancer Day 16 National Mammography Day	Lung Cancer Awareness Month Pancreatic Cancer Month Stomach Cancer Month Neuroendocrine Cancer Month 19 World Pancreatic Cancer Day	
● Rare Disease	None this quarter		
● Respiratory	RSV Awareness Month Healthy Lung Month 2 World O2 Day 25–31 Respiratory Care Week	COPD Awareness Month Pulmonary Hypertension Month 12 World Pneumonia Day 18 World COPD Day 19 Great American Smokeout ◆ GOLD Report	National Influenza Vaccination Week (early Dec)
● U.S. Health System	Medicare open enrollment · Oct 15 – Dec 7 ACA open enrollment · Nov 1 – Jan 15 → Dec 15 · Deadline for Jan 1 coverage		

Know something we should include?

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Dates shown for 2026. Sources include organizer websites and national health observance calendars.

