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## Events

### April

National Cancer  
Control Month

National Minority  
Health Month

### May

National High Blood  
Pressure Education  
Month

National Stroke  
Awareness Month

National Nurses  
Week  
(May 6-12)

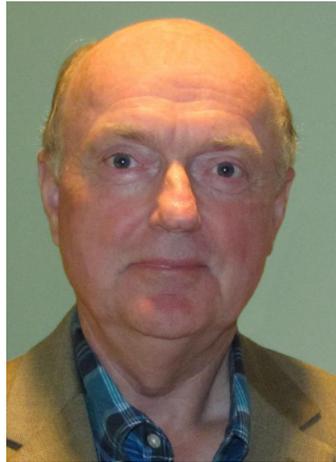
National Hospital  
Week  
(May 11-17)

National Nursing  
Home Week  
(May 11-17)

National Women's  
Health Week  
(May 11-17)

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## Dr. Bryant Recognized with Derrick Award



Edward Earl Bryant, MD, PhD

Dr. Edward E. Bryant of Kosciusko has been named the recipient of the IQH Derrick Quality Award. The award is presented in memory of Dr. Arthur Derrick of Durant, who was instrumental in the founding and support of the quality of care program in the state.

In announcing the award, Dr. James S. McIlwain, IQH president of medical affairs, cited Dr. Bryant's contributions to Medicare's quality improvement program, including outstanding dedication to the IQH board of director duties as well as his dedicated service to his patients and his community. "Dr. Bryant has always made time for supporting the quality program," said Dr. McIlwain. "He was an active member of our quality improvement organization prior to his being elected to its board of directors in 2009. As chairman of the board, he has worked toward strengthening and supporting the quality projects underway in the state." Dr. Bryant has served two years as board chairman.

Dr. Bryant's career has included serving as a director of medical education, visiting lecturer, and consultant to the USAF Surgeon General which led him to serving at the American Embassy in Moscow, USSR in 1980. In 1983, he was named Outstanding Family Physician in the service and received the USAF Meritorious Service Award. He served as director of the Family Practice Residency in Carswell Air Force Base, TX, before returning to Kosciusko in 1983, entering private practice and founding the Family Medicine Clinic.

Fitness Day  
(May 28)

World No  
Tobacco Day  
(May 31)

**June**  
Men's Health Month  
  
Men's Health Week  
(June 9-15)

His name will be included on the IQH Derrick Award permanent plaque in the IQH office in Ridgeland that lists the physicians who have received the award since 1993 when the award was begun.

### **Million Hearts® Pledges Increased Using Successful QIO Tools**

In September, Mississippi was barely a blip on the Million Hearts® pledge graph with the state color showing a pale orange on the initiative's U.S. map in September 2013. The graph showed Arkansas and Oklahoma bright red with thousands of pledges representing cooperation in the national initiative to prevent one million heart attacks and strokes by 2017. IQH reached out to Arkansas and learned of its Bless Your Heart campaign in support of the Million Hearts® Initiative. Armed with "Bless Your Heart" materials shared by Arkansas, along with posters, handouts and heart-healthy cookbooks, Lisa Camel and Willie Ann Thomas, IQH project leaders, began telling churches, senior center groups, providers and consumer groups about Million Hearts®. Another strategy involves sharing information about the 100 Congregations for Million Hearts campaign, which IQH learned about from Erica Taylor of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). In five months, Mississippi's Million Hearts pledges increased twofold from 168 at the close of September 2013 to more than 400 by the end of March 2014, according to Debbie Miller, IQH analysis manager. Million Hearts® brings together communities, health systems, nonprofit organizations, federal agencies, and private-sector partners from across the country to fight heart disease and stroke.

### **APIC Greater Jackson Chapter Recognized with 2014 APIC Chapter Excellence Award**

The Association for Professionals in Infection Control (APIC) Chapter 068 of Greater Jackson has been selected for the 2014 APIC Chapter Excellence Award for education, communication, and information resources. The chapter will be recognized for its achievements during the 2014 Annual Conference in Anaheim, CA, June 6, according to Erica Payne, chapter president, who has received notification from Thomas Button, awards chair for the APIC Nominating and Awards Committee. Vickie Taylor, IQH Healthcare Acquired Infections project leader, serves on the chapter board and assisted in submitting the chapter's various efforts resulting in the special recognition. The chapter was active in developing and promoting educational programs, products and other information resources for healthcare professionals and the general public. The 2012-2013 school year featured APIC

## Greater Jackson promoting an infection prevention campaign "What's Buggin' You?"

### April is National Minority Health Month

The purpose of the [National Minority Health Month](#) observation during April contributes to raising awareness about the health disparities that continue to affect minorities. This year's theme is "Prevention is Power: Action for Health Equity."

For more information [click here](#).

### National Public Health Week Quality Focus

The second week of April recognized National Public Health Week, an observation that began in 1995. Each year the public health community celebrates the observance during the first full week of April by focusing on an issue that is important to improving the public's health, educating the public, policymakers, and practitioners about the fundamental function of the public health system, to safeguard and improve the quality of health in America. [Visit the 2014 NPHW website](#).

### QI Brochures developed by the American Public Health Association include:

[Quality Improvement \(QI\) in Action](#) (PDF) 2013  
and [Quality Improvement \(QI\) Fact Sheet](#) (PDF) 2013.

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