



November 2-8 is Allied Health Professions Week 2003!

How will you be celebrating?

Imagine if everyone involved with allied health professions – providers, educators, administrators and accreditors – used Allied Health Professions Week to celebrate their unique talents, and in doing so, educated the community to the crucial contributions allied health providers make to quality health care?

There are over five million United States health care workers practicing in more than 80 different allied health professions in the medical arena today. Consequently, there are more allied health professionals in the United States health care workforce than there are physicians or nurses. Yet, in general, the public is unaware of allied health, and most have never heard of many of the allied health professions.

Let's celebrate Allied Health Professions Week – encouraging pride in our disciplines and promoting collaboration among all allied health professionals. It will take the work of all providers, educators and accreditors involved in allied health to make the public aware of our crucial role in healthcare. Allied Health Professions Week is an easy, established starting point.

This packet is full of ideas and implementation plans for individuals or groups. But, the ideas must be put into action, and the implementation begins with you. Please read through this packet and distribute the information among your organization's membership. Each member can play a role in celebrating Allied Health Professions Week at the institution in which they work, teach or lead.

All the information in this packet can be found and downloaded from the following websites:

www.healthpronet.org

www.asahp.org

www.NN2.org

Celebrate with your colleagues to highlight allied health's contributions to patient care and the health-care system, to expand knowledge about allied health careers, and to strengthen collaboration among allied health professions and others in health care.

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