



APRIL is
**WOMEN'S
EYE HEALTH &
SAFETY MONTH**

Women's Eye Health & Safety Month

Women are at greater risk for vision loss than men. However, when proper prevention and eye care practices are followed, vision health can be achieved.

- ✓ **Schedule a comprehensive dilated eye exam**, especially if it's been some time since your last one.
- ✓ **Use it or lose it: use protective eyewear or risk losing your vision.** Sunglasses, goggles, or other protective eyewear should be used during high-risk indoor activities like working in a lab and outdoor activities like playing sports.
- ✓ **Talk to your family to learn about your history of eye disease.** Many eye diseases are hereditary, and it is important to share your family history with your eye care professional.
- ✓ **Quit or never start smoking.** Research has linked smoking to many eye conditions, such as AMD, cataracts, and glaucoma, which all can lead to blindness.
- ✓ **Eat a vision-healthy diet.** Did you know that a diet rich in leafy greens, fruits, and even fish also has eye health benefits?
- ✓ **Reach and maintain a healthy weight** to decrease your chances not just for eye disease, but for developing other chronic conditions such as diabetes.

SOURCE: CDC.GOV | HEALTHY VISION MONTH



APRIL is
**STRESS
AWARENESS
MONTH**

Stress Awareness Month

If you suffer from chronic stress and can't influence or change the situation, then you'll need to change your approach.

Be willing to be flexible. Remember, you have the ability to choose your response

to stressors, and you may have to try various options.

- 🌸 Recognize when you don't have control, and let it go.
- 🌸 Don't get anxious about situations that you cannot change.
- 🌸 Take control of your own reactions and focus your mind on something that makes you feel calm and in control. This may take some practice, but it pays off in peace of mind.
- 🌸 Develop a vision for healthy living, wellness, and personal growth, and set realistic goals to help you realize your vision.

SOURCE: FOH.PSC.GOV

DID YOU KNOW?



APRIL 22nd of every year | Earth Day

an annual event to show support for environmental protection. The theme this year is **climate action**.

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**If the grass looks greener on the other side,
stop staring. Stop comparing. Stop complaining.
Start watering the grass you are standing on.**

Make this Your Healthiest Year Yet

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Wear a facemask if you are sick – when you are around other people and before you enter a healthcare provider's office.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

SOURCE: WWW. CDC.GOV



National Take Back Day | April 25

National Take Back Day is a safe, convenient, and responsible way to dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs.

- Unused prescription drugs thrown in the trash can be retrieved and abused or illegally sold.
- Unused drugs that are flushed contaminate the water supply. Proper disposal of unused drugs saves lives and protects the environment.
- Take-back programs are the best way to dispose of old drugs. But if a program is not available:
 - ✓ Take the meds out of their bottles;
 - ✓ Mix them with something unappealing like used kitty litter or coffee grounds;
 - ✓ Seal them in a bag/disposable container, and throw that away.
- For more information on prescription drug abuse, go to:
 - www.dea.gov
 - www.justthinktwice.com
 - www.getsmartaboutdrugs.com

SOURCE: WWW. DEA.GOV

Reminders for Your Office Visit

- Bring your **prescription bottles** or **list of medication** to your visit.
- Do you need **medication refills**? Tell us at your office visit.
- Did you let us know if you have **any change(s) in your personal information** such as address, phone number and insurance?
- Do you need a **Referral for a Specialist** or do you need **further testing outside of our office**? You may need to call your insurance plan to verify your coverage.
- Did you check if your plan **covers Well care or a Physical**?
- Are you up-to-date on your screenings for **Mammogram** and **Colonoscopy**? **Are you due for one?** Ask your MD.
- Are you being referred by your PCP to get any **radiology test(s)**? If so, please let us know in case you need a **Pre-certification**.
- Is your **Immunization record** up to date? Please update us.
- Are you **Pre-Diabetic**? Have you discussed this with your MD?
- Did you get a **Summary of your Visit** today? If not, please ask for it before leaving.
- Do you need to make a **Follow-up appointment**? **Please stop at Check-out and make an appointment before you leave.**

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month



Consent can be complicated when one partner holds more power than the other. By being mindful of the ways power imbalances may impact consent, you can take steps to ensure your partner feels comfortable communicating their needs.

What Is Power?

- Power is the ability to influence the actions and choices of others.
- Power can be obvious, like in the case of a supervisor or mentor, or it can be less apparent like when there's a difference in sexual experience.

Imbalances of Power

- Relationships have a power imbalance when one person has the power to influence things like money, a place to live, a job, or a reputation.
- Having power over someone can influence how comfortable they feel saying no to sex – someone may fear negative consequences for not consenting.
- When someone abuses power over a partner, they may use verbal threats or not. Either way, consent is never possible when someone feels they don't have a choice.

Examples of Imbalances of Power

- **Age differences and sexual experience:** An older or more sexually experienced adult may make a younger or less experienced adult feel they need to “prove” that they are mature or experienced.
- **Level of ability:** Some adults who have physical or intellectual disabilities, older adults, or those who need assistance from a caregiver may rely on their partner in some areas of life, but their decision-making in other areas should still be respected.
- **Position in society:** Someone may have more social privilege than their partner – through their education, job, wealth, citizenship, or other factors.
- **Privilege:** White privilege, male privilege, and other unearned advantages are part of the power some of us bring to relationships.

Checking In

- Before asking for consent, consider how holding a position of power might influence the situation.
- *Ask yourself: “Would this person say yes if I didn't have power/authority over them?”*

Make Consent Clear

- If there's a difference in power between you and your partner, your partner may feel less able to tell you their needs.
- Let them know they can tell you when they're not interested in doing something.
- Ask questions in a way that communicates you're okay with their answer – no matter what it is. *For example. “I hope you know you can tell me how you're really feeling – saying ‘no’ is always okay.”*

Support Groups @ Englewood Hospital

Englewood Hospital Events Calendar

Please check Englewood Hospital's Calendar of Events link for upcoming events at <https://www.engagewoodhealth.org/calendar-events-classes>

Bariatric/Weight Loss Surgery Support Group

A free program for patients who have experienced the surgical solution to weight loss. If you are considering surgery, you are also welcome to join the group. The support group meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6pm.

Bereavement Support Group

VNA of Englewood: Bereavement Support Group runs on Thursdays from 12pm – 1:30 pm at Englewood Hospital. Please check with the hospital main desk for the location on each Thursday. For additional information, please call Erica DiFrancisco at 201-894-333, group facilitator.

Cancer Support:

Breast Cancer Support Group

Relax your mind as you connect with other women living with breast cancer. Open to all women experiencing any stage of breast cancer. First timers should call Cathy Verhulst at 201-608-2162 prior to attending. The support group meets the first and third Friday of every month at 10:30 am.

Oral, Head and Neck Cancer Support Group

SPOHNC (Support for People with Oral, Head and Neck Cancer), a patient directed, self-help organization founded in 1991 by an oral cancer survivor. It is non-profit organization dedicated to meeting the emotional, physical and humanistic needs of oral head and neck cancer patients and their care givers. Bergen County Chapter meets from 7pm – 8:30pm at Englewood Hospital on the fourth Wednesday of the month in conference room "A". For inquiries, please contact Patrick Taaffee at 201-931-6394.

Cardiac – Visiting Hearts: A Support Program for Cardiac Patients

New patients are informed of the "Visiting Hearts" program prior to their day of Pre-Admission Testing. For more information, please call Robyn Giaccone at 201-894-3950.

Diabetes Education

A free program is open to individuals and their families. This group allows participants to share their experiences, learn from others and discuss how they live with diabetes. Guest speakers are often featured. This group meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month from 7pm – 8:30pm. (No meetings in July and August). An Insulin Pump Support Group is held quarterly for those using an insulin pump, those interested in pump therapy, and those using multiple daily injections. To schedule an appointment or for additional information, please call 201-894-3335.

Support Groups @ Englewood Hospital

Families Anonymous

Families Anonymous is a group of concerned relatives and friends whose lives have been adversely affected by a loved one's addiction to alcohol, drugs or related behavioral problems. All who have experienced the effects of a loved one's addiction are welcome.

The group meets at Englewood Hospital every Friday at 7:30pm. Call 917-836-3672 or email gerilam@msn.com for more information.

Neuropathy Support Group

This group meets on the third Thursday of March, April, May September, October and November at 7pm. Call Rich Booz at 201-587-1250, Mary Robertson at 973-226-1535, Tom McCullum at 201-692-9313 or Dean Lewis at 631-223-8416 for additional information.

Post Partum Services / Wellness Wednesdays

You and your newborn child are invited to attend our group, focused on adjustment to motherhood, coping with stress, and adapting to new family dynamics. A licensed clinical social worker facilitates the sessions, which provide comfort, emotional support, information, and referrals to resources for new moms who are adjusting to parenthood. The group meets every Wednesday at 1pm. Registration is required. Call 201-894-3092.

Support Groups @ Holy Name Medical Center

Free Support Groups meet monthly. To register call 1-877-465-9626, unless otherwise noted.

Bariatric Support Group

Support Group for Lap-band or Gastric Bypass patients

Location: Conference Room "1", Marian Hall Holy Name Medical Center. For additional information, please call 201-833-3336

Bereavement Support

Call 201-833-3000 ext 7580 for more information.

Breast Cancer Support and Discussion Group

The Breast Cancer Support and Discussion Group is a vehicle for information, encouragement and support that is facilitated by two clinical psychologists. The support group meets on the first and third Wednesday of every month at 5:30pm – 6:30pm.

Call 201-227-6008 for additional information. Registration is encouraged, but not required. Walk-ins are welcome.

Support Groups @ Holy Name Medical Center

Cancer Support Group

The Cancer Support Group provides an opportunity to meet with people who understand how you feel and what you are going through in a way that others cannot. The support group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday at 4:00pm – 5:00pm. The meetings take place in the Marian Hall Conference Center, Holy Name Medical Center. For additional information, please call 201-227-6008.

Men Living with Cancer Support Group

The Men Living with Cancer Support Group is open to men with the diagnosis of cancer at any time during treatment or post-therapy. For additional information, please call 201-833-3392.

Support for Korean Cancer Patients

The Support group meets at Medical Affairs Conference Room, Holy Name Medical Center on the first Friday of every month at 10am – 12pm. For additional information, please call Hei Young Yoon at 201-833-3332.

Pregnancy and Newborn Loss Support Group

The support group meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 8:00pm. For additional information, please call 201-724-4093.

Blood Drive at Holy Name Medical Center

You can sign up for the blood drives online: <http://holyname.org/BloodDrive/>

Local Support Group - Miscellaneous

Dental Care at Southeast for Independent Living (SESCIL)

The Southeast Senior Center for Independent Living has fully equipped dental facility with a certified licensed dentist, a dental coordinator, and two dental hygienists, excellent equipment and a clean environment. Call the Center for an appointment. There is an annual membership fee which entitles the member not only to receive dental care at cost but includes participation in all other class offerings. The Center, 228 Grand Avenue, Englewood, is handicapped accessible with ample parking. For more information, call 201-569-4080 or [visit www.SESCIL.org](http://www.SESCIL.org)

Local Support Group - Miscellaneous

Library Offers Continuing Education Courses Online

Teaneck Public Library is offering Universal Class, an online resource of more than 500 continuing education courses, to all Teaneck Public card holders. A wide range of subjects are offered including art, photography, office skills, test preparation, career training, as well as home schooling, self-help and science. Courses are accessible online 24/7 with real instructors, assignments and grades.

Up to five courses may be taken at a time. Participants who successfully complete a course will be issued a "Certified of Course" Completion.

To access the program, go to the library's website at www.teaneck.org and click on "universal class" button on the right side.

For more information, call the Reference Department 201-837-4171.

The Township of Teaneck Provides Free Transportation for Residents who are 65 or older and/or Disabled

This service is for medical appointments, food shopping and small errands (with Teaneck, Hackensack, Englewood, and fringes of Bogota, Bergenfield and River Edge). Call 201-837-7130 ext 7040 for more information.

Jewish Family Services at 201-837-9090 provides the following services:

- Kosher Meals on Wheels (at home delivery of meals)
- Care Management, support and advocacy
- Friendly Visitor, Adopt a Bubbe and Telephone Reassurance – Volunteer programs
- Joy Lunch Club
- Elder Care Workshop Series

The Teaneck Fire Department offers all Teaneck Residents the Free Service of a "Good Morning" Wake-up Call

This service is particularly appropriate for those facing significant illness, frailty/balance issues, and/or are shut-ins.

Call Lt. David Barrett or Lt. Richard Burchell at 201-837-2085 to activate this service. Calls can be pre-empted by the recipient at any time for convenience.

The Gallen Adult Day Care Center at the Jewish Home at Rockleigh will hold a

Caregiver support group every first Wednesday of the month, 10am – 11:30 am at 10 Link Drive, Rockleigh, NJ – Social Hall 1. FREE.

For additional information, please call Social Worker Shelley at 201-784-1414 ext. 5340. Share concerns in an informative group discussion and learn about available resources for you and your loved one.

Local Support Group - Miscellaneous

Treatment Services

Seabrook House – Helping Families Find the Courage to Recover

Seabrook House is multi-level premier inpatient and outpatient facility, internationally recognized, and accredited by CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Services), alcohol and drug rehabilitation center. Each facility offers every level of inpatient and outpatient care from partial through one-on-one counseling.

They offer the following services: Withdrawal Management (Detoxification), Residential Treatment, Partial Hospitalization, and Intensive Outpatient. They also offer Extended Care Programs: Seabrook House West, Changes for Women/Young Adult Program, Recovery Enhancement Program. They offer “The Family Matrix Program”, a three-day, structured experience designed to help families begin to heal and strengthen the bonds strained by addiction. They provide Holistic Approaches to Treatment such as Equin Therapy, Music Therapy, Yoga, Acupuncture, and many more. Please call for details. Seabrook House accepts many health insurance programs. Treatment is covered by most insurances. For more information, visit www.Seabrookhouse.org or call 800-761-7575 ext. 1515

Coping with a Disaster or Traumatic Event



After a disaster, it is important to take care of your emotional health. Pay attention to how you and your family members are feeling and acting.

Taking care of your emotional health will help you think clearly and react to urgent needs to protect yourself and your loved ones.

Follow these tips to help you and your family recover or find support.

Steps to Care for Yourself

- Take Care of Your Body
 - » Try to eat healthy, exercise regularly, get plenty of sleep, and avoid alcohol and other drugs.
- Connect
 - » Share your feelings with a friend or family member. Maintain relationships and rely on your support system.
- Take Breaks
 - » Make time to unwind. Try to return to activities that you enjoy.
- Stay Informed
 - » Watch for news updates from reliable officials.
- Avoid
 - » Avoid excessive exposure to media coverage of the event.
- Ask for Help
 - » Talk to a clergy member, counselor, or doctor or contact the SAMHSA helpline at 1-800-985-5990 or text TalkWithUs to 66746.

How to Help Your Children

- Talk with them.
 - » Share age-appropriate information.
 - » Reassure them.
 - » Address rumors.
 - » Answer questions.
- Set a good example by taking care of yourself.
- Limit exposure to media and social media coverage of the event.

Common Signs of Distress

- Feelings of shock, numbness, or disbelief
- Change in energy or activity levels
- Difficulty concentrating
- Changes in appetite
- Sleeping problems or nightmares
- Feeling anxious, fearful, or angry
- Headaches, body pain, or skin rashes
- Chronic health problems get worse
- Increased use of alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs

Seek help from your healthcare provider if these stress reactions interfere with your daily activities for several days in a row.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA's) Disaster Distress Hotline: 1-800-985-5990 or text TalkWithUs to 66746.



People with deafness or hearing loss can use their preferred relay service to call 1-800-985-5990.