United States

Medical Theme Stamps

Over the years, the U.S. Postal Service has produced numerous stamps commemorating American physicians, researchers, and institutions, promoting public health, and raising public awareness of various diseases and disorders.

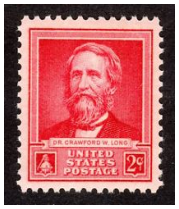
1931

AMERICAN RED CROSS
50th anniversary
of the founding



1939

DR. CRAWFORD YOUNG
1st use of inhaled
ether for anesthesia



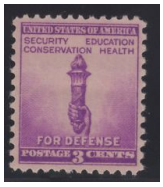
1940

DR. WALTER REED
Proved Yellow Fever is
transmitted by mosquitoes



1940

NATIONAL DEFENSE
Security, Education,
Conservation for health



1947

DOCTORS
Honoring American physicians



1947

CLARA HARLOWE BARTON
Civil War nurse who founded
the American Red Cross in 1881



1952

INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS



1956

HARVEY WILEY
Chemist and leader in the passage of
the Pure Food And Drug Act of 1906



1957

POLIO ISSUE
20th anniversary of the National Foundation for
Infantile Paralysis and the March of Dimes



United States

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1959

DENTAL HEALTH
American Dental
Health centenary



1962

MALARIA ERADICATION
World Health Organization
drive to eradicate malaria



1963

INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS CENTENARY



1961

NURSING CENTENARY
100 years of nursing training in America
and honoring Florence Nightingale



1959

DR. EPHRIAM McDOWELL
150th anniversary of the 1st
successful ovarian operation in the US



1964

THE DOCTORS MAYO
William James Mayo
Charles Horace Mayo



1965

CRUSADE AGAINST CANCER



1971

BLOOD DONORS



1969

HOPE FOR THE CRIPPLED
50th anniversary of
the Easter Seal Society



United States

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1972

FAMILY PLANNING
Highlights the need for responsible family planning without referencing Margaret Sanger, the princial advocate for birth control from 1912 to 1966.



1972

PHARMACY
120th anniversary of the American Pharmaceutical Assoc.



1972

OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE
75th anniversary of the American Osteopathic Assoc.



1974

HELP RETARDED CHILDREN
Theme of the National Assoc. of Retarded Children



1974

DR. ELIZABETH BLACKWELL
In 1849, became the 1st woman to receive a MD degree from an American medical school



1976

NURSE CLARA MAASS
Yellow Fever fighter
Centenary of birth



1978

EARLY DETECTION OF CANCER
Honoring Dr. Papanicolaou



1980

HELEN KELLER
ANNE SULLIVAN



1980

EMILY BISSELL
Introduced Christmas Seals in U.S.



United States

Medical Theme Stamps

1981

AMERICAN RED CROSS CENTENNIAL



1983

DOROTHY DIX
Civil War Supt. of Nurses
Champion of the mentally ill



1982

DR. MARY EDWARDS WALKER
A civilian contract US Army Surgeon during the Civil War, and the first and only woman to win the Congressional Medal of Honor



1981

ALCOHOLISM AWARENESS



1984

HEALTH RESEARCH



1986

PUBLIC HOSPITALS



1981

DR. CHARLES DREW
Developed ways to store blood plasma in blood banks



1986

DR. PAUL DUDLEY WHITE
Laid the foundation for modern cardiology



1989

DR. JOHNS HOPKINS



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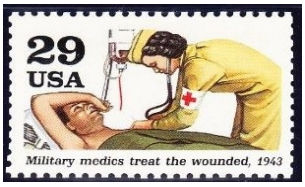
1993

PERCY LAVON JULIAN
Pioneer in the chemical synthesis
of medicinal drugs from plants



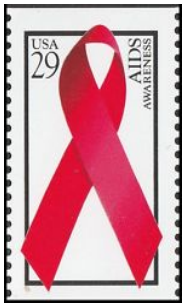
1993

MILITARY MEDICS IN WW2



1993

AIDS AWARENESS



1994

DR.VIRGINIA APGAR
Developed the APGAR Score for newbornes



1995

DR. ALICE HAMILTON
1st woman on the faculty
of Harvard Medical School



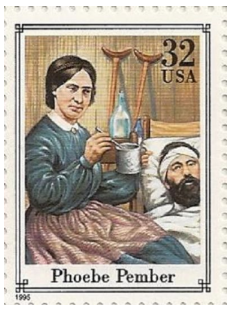
1998

MARY CARSON BRECKENRIDGE
Nurse Midwife & founder of
the Frontier Nursing Service



1993

PHOEBE PEMBER
Confederate Civil War nurse
Ran the war's largest hospital



1993

CLARA BARTON
U.S. Civil War nurse
"The Angel of the Battlefield"



United States

Medical Theme Stamps

1996

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS



1998

ORGAN AND
TISSUE DONATION



1998

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS
Semi-postal stamp



32 cents + 8 cents surcharge

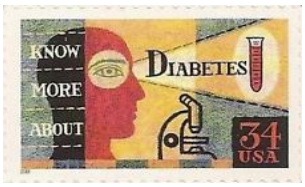
1999

HOSPICE CARE



2001

DIABETES AWARENESS



1999

PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS



2004

SICKLE CELL AWARENESS



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2005

DR. BARBARA McCLINTOK
First woman to receive an
unshared Nobel Prize in Medicine



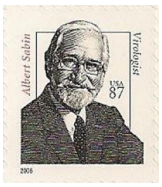
2006

DR. JONAS SALK
Polio vaccine pioneer



2006

DR. ALBERT SABIN
Polio vaccine pioneer



2005

CHILD HEALTH



2008

DR. EDWARD TRUDEAU
Established the 1st US laboratory
for the study of tuberculosis.



2008

ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS



2012

HEART HEALTH



2014

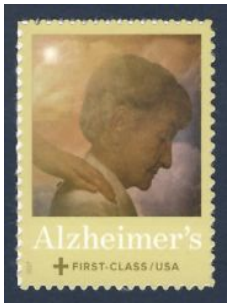
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS RE-PRINT
Semi-postal stamp



49 cents + 11 cents surcharge

2017

ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS
Semi-postal stamp



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