

assisting and supplementing State and local activities by direct operations or through grants-in-aid in the community health area. This office works with a variety of official agencies and professional and voluntary groups to define and develop effective ways of dealing with public health problems appropriate to the needs of communities.

*Division of Accident Prevention.*—Conducts technical assistance, education and intramural research programs to assist and encourage health departments and other public and private agencies to develop and operate community services aimed at preventing accidental deaths and injuries and at providing adequate emergency medical services for the sick and injured; investigates poisonings having public health implications and carries out measures to prevent accidental poisonings; operates the National Clearinghouse for Poison Control Centers; administers extramural research project and research training grant programs and communicates and fosters the application of research findings; cooperates with other PHS components in the development and/or operation of related programs.

*Division of Chronic Diseases.*—Conducts technical assistance, education, formula, and project grant and intramural research programs to prevent the occurrence and progression of chronic long-term illness (cancer, diabetes, heart disease, arthritis, kidney disease, neurological and sensory diseases, etc.) including mental retardation and the problems of the aged; provides consultation in specific coordinated chronic disease prevention and care services (home nursing, homemaking, dental and nutritional services, coordinated home care), referral services, multiple screening, periodic health appraisals, and restorative services (and promotes the elevation of standards of care in nursing homes); operates the National Clearinghouse on Smoking and Health; administers an extramural research grant program and communicates and fosters the application of research findings; cooperates with other PHS components in the development and/or operation of related programs.

*Division of Community Health Services.*—Conducts technical assistance, education, formula, project and training grant and intramural research programs to determine effective means of providing community health services through public and private channels, to promote improved organization, financing, and practices in public health and medical care administration, including services related to rural, migrant, metropolitan and school health; conducts program of counseling and referral of selective service medical rejectees; administers student loan programs for physicians, dentists, osteopaths, optometrists, and nurses; promotes programs for the continuing education of physicians and other health professionals; provides leadership in the development and conduct of public health education activities; assesses and projects medical and paramedical manpower needs and resources; administers extramural research project and research training grant programs and communicates and fosters the application of research findings; cooperates with other PHS components in the development and/or operation of related programs.

*Communicable Disease Center.*—Conducts technical assistance, education, training, project grant and intramural research programs to diagnose, prevent and control communicable and certain other preventable diseases and to train public health workers in methods and techniques of communicable disease prevention and control; adminis-