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should be mainly the responsibility of clinicians, pharmacologists, and pharmacists who are widely respected as objective, well-informed, and appreciative of the needs of both physicians and patients, and who would work with their colleagues at the State or local level.

There is an evident need for further research to develop and test various approaches to effective utilization review--approaches which would be most acceptable to physicians, pharmacists, consumers and others, and which would obtain their effective support.

The Task Force therefore recommends that the National Center for Health Services Research and Development, in cooperation with State and local medical groups, community pharmacies, hospitals, and consumer groups, should support pilot research projects on prescription drug utilization review methods.

(Whereupon, at 12:05 p.m., the subcommittee adjourned subject to the call of the Chair.)