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The Defense Supply Agency has the responsibility for total operation of the wholesale portion of the system. In fulfilling these responsibilities the agency performs the major logistic functions of cataloging, central procurement, inventory management, and distribution management. The major organizational elements within the Defense Supply Agency involved with the medical commodity are the Defense Personnel Support Center, Defense Contract Administration Service, and the Defense Supply Agency Depots.

The Defense Personnel Support Center located in Philadelphia is responsible for the functions of cataloging, central procurement, and inventory management. The Defense Supply Agency depots perform the medical storage and distribution management functions while the Defense Contract Administration Service administers all centrally awarded contracts to include performing such functions as plant surveys, review and evaluation of contractors procedures, product verification inspection and testing, and final product acceptance or rejection.

The Defense Medical Materiel Board is a joint activity of the Department of Defense responsible for providing coordination, advice and assistance on all professional and technical aspects of medical materiel. Specific functions performed by the Board include type classification of new