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CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Christopher and Dana Reeve Paralysis Act, and also as part of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, and not as part of the Public Health Service Act which comprises this chapter.

**§ 284p. Activities of the National Institutes of Health with respect to research with implications for enhancing daily function for persons with paralysis**

**(a) In general**

The Director, pursuant to the general authority of the Director, may make awards of grants to public or private entities to pay all or part of the costs of planning, establishing, improving, and providing basic operating support to multicenter networks of clinical sites that will collaborate to design clinical rehabilitation intervention protocols and measures of outcomes on one or more forms of paralysis that result from central nervous system trauma, disorders, or stroke, or any combination of such conditions.

**(b) Research**

A multicenter network of clinical sites funded through this section may—

(1) focus on areas of key scientific concern, including—

- (A) improving functional mobility;
- (B) promoting behavioral adaptation to functional losses, especially to prevent secondary complications;
- (C) assessing the efficacy and outcomes of medical rehabilitation therapies and practices and assisting technologies;
- (D) developing improved assistive technology to improve function and independence; and
- (E) understanding whole body system responses to physical impairments, disabilities, and societal and functional limitations; and

(2) replicate the findings of network members or other researchers for scientific and translation purposes.

**(c) Coordination of clinical trials networks; reports**

The Director may, as appropriate, provide for the coordination of information among networks funded through this section and ensure regular communication among members of the networks, and may require the periodic preparation of reports on the activities of the networks and submission of reports to the Director.

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DEFINITION OF “DIRECTOR”

“Director” as meaning the Director of the National Institutes of Health, see section 284o(a) of this title.

**§ 284q. Pain research**

**(a) Research initiatives**

**(1) In general**

The Director of NIH is encouraged to continue and expand, through the Pain Consortium, an aggressive program of basic and clinical research on the causes of and potential treatments for pain.

**(2) Annual recommendations**

Not less than annually, the Pain Consortium, in consultation with the Division of Program Coordination, Planning, and Strategic Initiatives, shall develop and submit to the Director of NIH recommendations on appropriate pain research initiatives that could be undertaken with funds reserved under section 282a(c)(1) of this title for the Common Fund or otherwise available for such initiatives.

**(3) Definition**

In this subsection, the term “Pain Consortium” means the Pain Consortium of the National Institutes of Health or a similar trans-National Institutes of Health coordinating entity designated by the Secretary for purposes of this subsection.

**(b) Interagency Pain Research Coordinating Committee**

**(1) Establishment**

The Secretary shall establish not later than 1 year after March 23, 2010, and as necessary maintain a committee, to be known as the Interagency Pain Research Coordinating Committee (in this section referred to as the “Committee”), to coordinate all efforts within the Department of Health and Human Services and other Federal agencies that relate to pain research.

**(2) Membership**

**(A) In general**

The Committee shall be composed of the following voting members:

- (i) Not more than 7 voting Federal representatives appoint<sup>1</sup> by the Secretary from agencies that conduct pain care research and treatment.
- (ii) 12 additional voting members appointed under subparagraph (B).

**(B) Additional members**

The Committee shall include additional voting members appointed by the Secretary as follows:

- (i) 6 non-Federal members shall be appointed from among scientists, physicians, and other health professionals.
- (ii) 6 members shall be appointed from members of the general public, who are representatives of leading research, advocacy, and service organizations for individuals with pain-related conditions.

**(C) Nonvoting members**

The Committee shall include such nonvoting members as the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be “appointed”.

**(3) Chairperson**

The voting members of the Committee shall select a chairperson from among such members. The selection of a chairperson shall be subject to the approval of the Director of NIH.

**(4) Meetings**

The Committee shall meet at the call of the chairperson of the Committee or upon the request of the Director of NIH, but in no case less often than once each year.

**(5) Duties**

The Committee shall—

(A) develop a summary of advances in pain care research supported or conducted by the Federal agencies relevant to the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of pain and diseases and disorders associated with pain;

(B) identify critical gaps in basic and clinical research on the symptoms and causes of pain;

(C) make recommendations to ensure that the activities of the National Institutes of Health and other Federal agencies are free of unnecessary duplication of effort;

(D) make recommendations on how best to disseminate information on pain care; and

(E) make recommendations on how to expand partnerships between public entities and private entities to expand collaborative, cross-cutting research.

**(6) Review**

The Secretary shall review the necessity of the Committee at least once every 2 years.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title IV, § 409J, as added Pub. L. 111-148, title IV, § 4305(b), Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 585.)

PART C—SPECIFIC PROVISIONS RESPECTING  
NATIONAL RESEARCH INSTITUTES

SUBPART 1—NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE

**§ 285. Purpose of Institute**

The general purpose of the National Cancer Institute (hereafter in this subpart referred to as the “Institute”) is the conduct and support of research, training, health information dissemination, and other programs with respect to the cause, diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of cancer, rehabilitation from cancer, and the continuing care of cancer patients and the families of cancer patients.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title IV, § 410, as added Pub. L. 99-158, § 2, Nov. 20, 1985, 99 Stat. 832; amended Pub. L. 100-607, title I, § 121, Nov. 4, 1988, 102 Stat. 3054.)

AMENDMENTS

1988—Pub. L. 100-607 inserted “, rehabilitation from cancer,” after “treatment of cancer”.

**§ 285a. National Cancer Program**

The National Cancer Program shall consist of (1) an expanded, intensified, and coordinated cancer research program encompassing the research programs conducted and supported by the Institute and the related research programs of the other national research institutes, including

an expanded and intensified research program for the prevention of cancer caused by occupational or environmental exposure to carcinogens, and (2) the other programs and activities of the Institute.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title IV, § 411, as added Pub. L. 99-158, § 2, Nov. 20, 1985, 99 Stat. 832.)

**§ 285a-1. Cancer control programs**

The Director of the Institute shall establish and support demonstration, education, and other programs for the detection, diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of cancer and for rehabilitation and counseling respecting cancer. Programs established and supported under this section shall include—

(1) locally initiated education and demonstration programs (and regional networks of such programs) to transmit research results and to disseminate information respecting—

(A) the detection, diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of cancer,

(B) the continuing care of cancer patients and the families of cancer patients, and

(C) rehabilitation and counseling respecting cancer,

to physicians and other health professionals who provide care to individuals who have cancer;

(2) the demonstration of and the education of students of the health professions and health professionals in—

(A) effective methods for the prevention and early detection of cancer and the identification of individuals with a high risk of developing cancer, and

(B) improved methods of patient referral to appropriate centers for early diagnosis and treatment of cancer; and

(3) the demonstration of new methods for the dissemination of information to the general public concerning the prevention, early detection, diagnosis, and treatment and control of cancer and information concerning unapproved and ineffective methods, drugs, and devices for the diagnosis, prevention, treatment, and control of cancer.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title IV, § 412, as added Pub. L. 99-158, § 2, Nov. 20, 1985, 99 Stat. 832.)

**§ 285a-2. Special authorities of Director****(a) Information and education program**

(1) The Director of the Institute shall establish an information and education program to collect, identify, analyze, and disseminate on a timely basis, through publications and other appropriate means, to cancer patients and their families, physicians and other health professionals, and the general public, information on cancer research, diagnosis, prevention, and treatment (including information respecting nutrition programs for cancer patients and the relationship between nutrition and cancer). The Director of the Institute may take such action as may be necessary to insure that all channels for the dissemination and exchange of scientific knowledge and information are maintained between the Institute and the public and between