

(5) research into the causes of arthritis affecting children and the development, trial, and evaluation of techniques, drugs and devices used in the diagnosis, treatment (including medical rehabilitation), and prevention of arthritis in children.

(c) Program to be carried out in accordance with plan

The Director of the Institute shall carry out the national arthritis and musculoskeletal and skin diseases program in accordance with the plan prepared under subsection (a) of this section and any revisions of such plan made under such subsection.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title IV, § 436, as added Pub. L. 99-158, § 2, Nov. 20, 1985, 99 Stat. 848; amended Pub. L. 100-607, title I, § 136, Nov. 4, 1988, 102 Stat. 3056; Pub. L. 103-43, title VII, § 701(b), June 10, 1993, 107 Stat. 162.)

AMENDMENTS

1993—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 103-43, § 701(b)(1), inserted after second sentence “The plan shall place particular emphasis upon expanding research into better understanding the causes and the development of effective treatments for arthritis affecting children.”

Subsec. (b)(5). Pub. L. 103-43, § 701(b)(2), added par. (5).

1988—Pub. L. 100-607 inserted “and skin” after “musculoskeletal” in section catchline and wherever appearing in text.

§ 285d-2. Research and training

The Director of the Institute shall—

(1) carry out programs of support for research and training (other than training for which Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards may be made under section 288 of this title) in the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of arthritis and musculoskeletal and skin diseases, including support for training in medical schools, graduate clinical training, graduate training in epidemiology, epidemiology studies, clinical trials, and interdisciplinary research programs; and

(2) establish programs of evaluation, planning, and dissemination of knowledge related to such research and training.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title IV, § 437, as added Pub. L. 99-158, § 2, Nov. 20, 1985, 99 Stat. 849; amended Pub. L. 107-206, title I, § 804(c), Aug. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 874.)

AMENDMENTS

2002—Par. (1). Pub. L. 107-206 substituted “Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards” for “National Research Service Awards”.

§ 285d-3. Data system and information clearinghouse

(a) The Director of the Institute shall establish the National Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Data System for the collection, storage, analysis, retrieval, and dissemination of data derived from patient populations with arthritis and musculoskeletal and skin diseases, including where possible, data involving general populations for the purpose of detection of individuals with a risk of developing arthritis and musculoskeletal and skin diseases.

(b) The Director of the Institute shall establish the National Arthritis and Musculoskeletal

and Skin Diseases Information Clearinghouse to facilitate and enhance, through the effective dissemination of information, knowledge and understanding of arthritis and musculoskeletal and skin diseases, including juvenile arthritis and related conditions, by health professionals, patients, and the public.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title IV, § 438, as added Pub. L. 99-158, § 2, Nov. 20, 1985, 99 Stat. 849; amended Pub. L. 106-310, div. A, title III, § 302, Oct. 17, 2000, 114 Stat. 1111.)

AMENDMENTS

2000—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 106-310 inserted “, including juvenile arthritis and related conditions,” after “skin diseases”.

§ 285d-4. Interagency coordinating committees

(a) Establishment and purpose

For the purpose of—

(1) better coordination of the research activities of all the national research institutes relating to arthritis, musculoskeletal diseases, and skin diseases, including sports-related disorders; and

(2) coordinating the aspects of all Federal health programs and activities relating to arthritis, musculoskeletal diseases, and skin diseases in order to assure the adequacy and technical soundness of such programs and activities and in order to provide for the full communication and exchange of information necessary to maintain adequate coordination of such programs and activities,

the Secretary shall establish an Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Diseases Interagency Coordinating Committee and a Skin Diseases Interagency Coordinating Committee (hereafter in this section individually referred to as a “Committee”).

(b) Membership; chairman; meetings

Each Committee shall be composed of the Directors of each of the national research institutes and divisions involved in research regarding the diseases with respect to which the Committee is established, the Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (or the designees of such officers), and representatives of all other Federal departments and agencies (as determined by the Secretary) whose programs involve health functions or responsibilities relevant to arthritis and musculoskeletal diseases or skin diseases, as the case may be. Each Committee shall be chaired by the Director of NIH (or the designee of the Director). Each Committee shall meet at the call of the chairman, but not less often than four times a year.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title IV, § 439, as added Pub. L. 99-158, § 2, Nov. 20, 1985, 99 Stat. 849; amended Pub. L. 102-405, title III, § 302(e)(1), Oct. 9, 1992, 106 Stat. 1985; Pub. L. 103-43, title XX, § 2008(b)(6), June 10, 1993, 107 Stat. 211; Pub. L. 105-362, title VI, § 601(a)(1)(D), Nov. 10, 1998, 112 Stat. 3285.)

AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 105-362 struck out subsec. (c) which read as follows: “Not later than 120 days after