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The U.S. National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics was established in 1948 at the request of the Department of State in accordance with recommendations of the First World Health Assembly to advise on matters relating to vital and health statistics and to promote and secure technical developments in this field.

Specifically the functions of the National Committee are to:

Delineate statistical problems of public health importance which are of national or international interest;

Stimulate studies of such problems by other organizations and agencies whenever possible, or make investigations of such problems through subcommittees appointed for the purpose;

Review findings submitted by other organizations and agencies or by its subcommittees, and make recommendations for national and/or international adoption;

Cooperate with and advise other organizations on matters relating to vital and health statistics in the United States especially with reference to definitions, statistical standards, and measurement problems;

Advise on problems relating to vital and health statistics of national and international concern; and

Cooperate with national committees of other countries and with the World Health Organization and other international agencies in the study of problems of mutual interest.

ACTIVITIES DURING FISCAL YEAR 1973

The U.S. National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics submitted proposals to the World Health Organization during fiscal year 1973 for the Ninth Revision of the International Classification of Diseases, including a new classification of surgical procedures. The Uniform Hospital Abstract Form Subcommittee's final report was approved and published by the National Committee. Consultants prepared a draft of a report for consideration by the National Committee on the Minimum Basic Data Set for Ambulatory Medical Care Records. Needed statistics and statistical data systems for formulation of national population policy were studied and recommendations will be submitted next year to the National Committee.

The United States proposals for the Ninth Revision of the International Classification of Diseases were submitted to the World Health Organization in December 1972. These proposals were the culmination of 3 years of work by the Subcommittee on Classification of Diseases, U. S. National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics and its working parties. In most instances the recommendations were presented in the form of comments on or modifications of proposals prepared by the World Health Organization and reflected the experience and advice of many experts both within and outside the Federal government.

Proposals were submitted in the areas of infective and parasitic diseases; neoplasms; endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic disorders; diseases of the blood and blood-forming organs; mental disorders; diseases of the respiratory system; complications of pregnancy, childbirth, and the puerperium; diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue; congenital anomalies; certain causes of perinatal morbidity and mortality; signs, symptoms, and ill-defined conditions; accidents, poisonings, and violence; supplementary classification of special conditions and examination without sickness; and classification of surgical operations and related procedures. A new feature of the proposal is the inclusion of an optional morphological classification of neoplasms, for which the U.S. Systematized Nomenclature of Pathology is the basis.

By October 1973 the World Health Organization will have constructed a single proposal for the Ninth Revision of the International Classification of Diseases based on recommendations received from many countries. The International Classification of Diseases Subcommittee will circulate this proposal widely to organizations and individuals in the United States and will then formulate comments for submission to the World Health Organization. The Ninth Revision of the International Classification of Diseases will be released for use in 1978.

The National Committee published the final report, "Uniform Hospital Abstract; Minimum Basic Data Set," which was prepared by the Uniform Hospital Abstract Form Subcommittee. Use of the data set

along with the American Hospital Association's billing form has been initiated by the Social Security Administration in the State of Wyoming. Use of the data set will probably spread to other areas on an individually negotiated basis.

Consultants presented a draft report for review by the National Committee on the Minimum Basic Data Set for Ambulatory Medical Care Records. The National Committee was requested by the National Conference on Ambulatory Medical Care Records (held in Chicago, April 18-22, 1972) to select the minimum basic set of items which should be entered in ambulatory medical care records and "to determine the content, terms, definitions, classification schemes, and codes to be employed and to consider problems of maintaining reliability and of legitimizing the use of the basic data set." The final draft of the report will be widely circulated to interested organizations and individuals before it is presented in final form to the National Committee for approval.

Consultants are also exploring needed statistics and statistical data systems for formulation of national population policy. The recommendations of the Commission on Population Growth and the American Future are the nucleus of the study. A report, covering four areas 1) birth prevention which includes abortion, voluntary sterilization, statistics on planning services, and family planning services for teenagers; 2) family structure including adoption, child care, illegitimacy, and the status of women; 3) internal migration; and 4) immigration policy, will be submitted to the National Committee at their fall meeting.

The Report of the Committee to Evaluate the National Center for Health Statistics, "Health Statistics Today and Tomorrow," recommended the need for more intensive analyses of the data which are being collected. On the basis of this recommendation, the National Committee approved the appointment of individual consultants with expertise in the field of demography, health statistics, health services administration, and health economics to study the analytical potentialities of data produced by the National Center for Health Statistics. The consultants will be asked to give advice on health and demographic statistical problems which warrant intensive analytical study and on the means by which all Center data pertinent to a particular problem can be utilized.

The National Committee has postponed the refinement of the charge and appointment of consultants in the area of social indicators since the National Center for Health Statistics is setting up a Clearinghouse on Health Indicators and the Social Science Research Council is setting up a Clearinghouse on Social Indicators.

A charge in the area of needed statistics and data systems on determining health effects of environmental conditions is being revised. The National Committee will appoint consultants to study the problems when the assignment is approved.

October 1-5, 1973 has been selected by the World Health Organization as the meeting date for the second international conference of national committees. The Conference will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark and four representatives of the U.S. National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics will attend.

- Subcommittee* - *Uniform Hospital Abstract Form*
- Established - October 1969
- Abolished - May 1973
- Assignment - To deal with the technical problems of developing an abstract form for recording hospital discharges and prepare needed definitions of terms and classification.
- Members - Howard West, Director, Division of Health Insurance Studies, Office of Research and Statistics, Social Security Administration, Washington, D.C.* *Chairman*
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Subcommittee - *Revision of the International Classification of Diseases*

Established - April 10, 1970

Abolished - April 9, 1973

Assignment - To recommend, through the U.S. National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics, proposals for the revision of the present International Classification of Diseases to be submitted to the World Health Organization.

Members - Dean E. Krueger, Acting Director, Office of Health Statistics Analysis, National Center for Health Statistics, Health Services and Mental Health Administration, Public Health Service, Rockville, Md.*
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- Subcommittee* - *Working Party of Classification of Mental Disorders of the International Classification of Diseases Subcommittee*
- Established - January 7, 1971
- Abolished - May 1973
- Assignment - To develop proposals for revision of the classification of mental disorders for consideration by the Subcommittee on Classification of Diseases.
- Members - Henry Brill, M.D., Director, Pilgrim State Hospital, West Brentwood, N.Y. *Chairman*
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Subcommittee - *Working Party on Classification of Neoplasms of the Revision of the International Classification of Diseases Subcommittee*

Established - April 10, 1970

Abolished - April 9, 1973

Assignment - To develop proposals for revision of the classification of neoplasms for consideration by the Subcommittee on Classification of Diseases.

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Constance L. Percy, Biometry Branch, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, Public Health Service, Bethesda, Md.* *Secretary*

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- Subcommittee* - *Financial Data Year Planning*
- Established - June 29, 1970
- Assignment - To develop a proposal for getting solid baseline financial data related to health services for 1 year to serve as a basis for discussion with various agencies.
- Members - Herbert E. Klarman, Ph.D., Professor, Graduate School of Public Administration, New York University, New York, N.Y. *Chairman*
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