Plans, conducts, and coordinates a national program involving: (a) research on the detection, diagnosis, cause, prevention, treatment, and palliation of cancers and on rehabilitation of the cancer patient; and (b) demonstration of the effectiveness of cancer control methods and techniques. Specifically:

- Conducts and directs research performed in its own laboratories and through contracts;
- Supports and coordinates research projects by scientific institutions and individuals through research grants;
- Supports training in fundamental sciences and clinical disciplines through individual and institutional research training awards and clinical education awards;
- Supports construction of laboratories and related facilities necessary for research on cancer;
- Supports field tests and community demonstration projects of methods and techniques for cancer control;
- Collaborates with voluntary organizations and other institutions engaged in cancer research, training, and control activities;
- Encourages and coordinates cancer research by industrial concerns where such concerns evidence a particular capability for programmatic research;
- Collects and disseminates information on cancer research and cancer control; and
- Consults with appropriate individuals and agencies in the development, coordination, and support of cancer research programs in other countries.
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