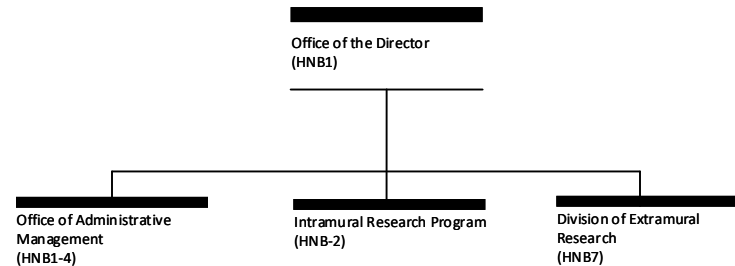


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- Provides leadership for a national program in the major disease categories of arthritis, bone disease, and musculoskeletal and skin diseases;
- Plans, conducts, fosters, and supports an integrated and coordinated program of basic research, clinical investigations, clinical trials, and demonstrations relating to the causes, prevention, methods of diagnosis and treatment of arthritis and musculoskeletal and skin through: laboratories and clinics, research grants and contracts, and cooperative agreements to scientific institutions and to individuals;
- Supports training of personnel in fundamental sciences and clinical disciplines by individual and institutional research training and career development awards;
- Conducts educational activities, including the collection and dissemination of health educational materials on these diseases, with emphasis on the prevention thereof, for health professionals and the lay public;
- Coordinates with the other research institutes and with all Federal health programs relevant activities in the fields of arthritis and musculoskeletal and skin diseases; and
- Develops and maintains continuing relationships with professional associations, voluntary agencies, and international organizations concerned with these fields.

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