ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL RESEARCH AND DEMONSTRATION CENTERS FOR HEART, BLOOD VESSEL, LUNG AND BLOOD DISEASES AND BLOOD RESOURCES

1. The National Heart and Lung Institute announces its intent to establish a limited number of National Research and Demonstration Centers as authorized in the National Heart, Blood Vessel, Lung and Blood Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-423).

2. A National Research and Demonstration Center is defined as a national resource attached to a major medical complex and dedicated to working in close collaboration with the National Heart and Lung Institute to further the goals of the National Heart, Blood Vessel, Lung and Blood Program through a multidisciplined, coordinated, yet flexible, approach to research, education (public and professional) and demonstration of the applicability of the results of research. It is the inclusion of education and demonstrations and the coordination of these programs with the research and training efforts that sets a National Research and Demonstration Center apart from other types of programs.

3. Centers will be funded by the grant mechanism, but under conditions that will require close coordination with the National Heart and Lung Institute. Proposals should be submitted on Form NIH-398, the application form for traditional research project grants. The format for presentation of a proposal should be as outlined in the Program Announcement and Guidelines: National Research and Demonstration Centers for Heart, Blood Vessel, Lung and Blood Diseases and Blood Resources dated August 20, 1973. Awards will be based on national competition. Only a limited number of awards will be made at the start of the program; additional Centers may be established later.

4. To describe the program in more detail and to enable potential applicants to ask questions, the National Heart and Lung Institute plans to hold a meeting of representatives of interested institutions on or about October 2, 1973. The Institute asks for letters of intent, which will not be binding, by November 1, 1973, in order to start planning for review of proposals. The deadline for receipt of formal applications is January 15, 1974.

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