



Acronym: CDC
Full Name: Centres for Disease Control and Prevention
Website: www.cdc.gov
Established: 1946
Location: Atlanta, United States

Areas of expertise: health, prevention and control of disease, injury, and disability.

Main Partners and collaborations: National School Boards Association, National Association of State Boards of Education, National Education Association, American Medical Association, Institute for Healthcare Improvement, American Public Health Association, American College of Sport Medicine, and others.

Short Description:

In 1946, the Communicable Disease Centre (CDC) was created in Atlanta, Georgia as part of the wartime agency Malaria Control in War Areas (MCWA). The main activity of CDC concentrated at that time on fighting malaria by killing mosquitoes. Nowadays, CDC focuses its efforts on protecting health and promoting quality of life through the prevention and control of disease, injury, and disability*.

The CDC's organization is composed by the Centre, the Institute and Offices (CIOs), which allow the agency to be more responsive and effective when dealing with public health concerns. Each group implements CDC's response in their areas of expertise, while also providing intra-agency support and resource-sharing for cross-cutting issues and specific health threats*.

Main activities:

The CDC accomplishes the following activities*:

- Creation of expertise, information, and tools that people and communities need to protect their health.
- Monitoring of health,
- Detection and investigation of health problems,
- Researches to enhance prevention,
- Development of public health policies,
- Implementation of prevention strategies,
- Promotion of healthy behaviors and
- Fostering of safe and healthful environments.

Database system:

- **WISQARS** (Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System)
- **WONDER** (Wide-ranging Online Data for Epidemiologic Research)

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