

communication, articles in scientific journals and CRC publications, and oral/poster presentations at national and international scientific meetings; (12) provides input into statements and guidelines issued by the CRC, the Advisory Council on the Elimination of Tuberculosis, and other professional organizations.

Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Outbreak Investigations Branch (CK44).

(1) Directs national surveillance of tuberculosis to provide accurate and timely national data and to monitor progress toward the elimination of tuberculosis in the United States; (2) conducts analyses of national TB surveillance data to monitor national trends in TB in order to assist in program planning, evaluation, and policy development and to identify areas for further study to guide elimination efforts; (3) conducts surveillance related studies that evaluate current TB surveillance systems and develops new surveillance methods and systems in order to better monitor and accelerate TB elimination efforts; (4) provides technical surveillance expertise to state, local, and international tuberculosis control programs, other federal agencies, and other organizations involved in TB prevention and control; (5) conducts epidemiologic research to assess the characteristics of persons with *M. tuberculosis* disease and infection in the United States; (6) analyzes research findings to develop improved interventions for eliminating tuberculosis and better analytic tools for future studies; (7) provides technical epidemiologic expertise to state, local, and international tuberculosis control programs.; (8) supports the TB Epidemiologic Studies Consortium in the conduct of studies of programmatically relevant epidemiologic, behavioral, economic, laboratory, and operational research concerning the identification, diagnosis, prevention and control of TB disease and latent infection; (9) investigates outbreaks of tuberculosis; (10) provides consultation and technical expertise on TB surveillance, epidemiology, and outbreaks to state, local, and international tuberculosis control programs; (11) analyzes TB outbreak investigation findings in order to improve the ability of tuberculosis control programs to detect future outbreaks and respond to them promptly and appropriately to limit transmission; (12) supervises Epidemiologic Intelligence Service (EIS) officers in the conduct of their two year assignments; (13) prepares manuscripts for publication in scientific journals;

and, (14) presents findings at national and international scientific meetings.

International Research and Programs Branch (CK47). (1) Coordinates Division and Center international TB activities; (2) coordinates the assessment of immigration and its impact on TB patterns in the United States and assists with the evaluation of overseas TB screening procedures for immigrants and refugees; (3) conducts and coordinates operational research and demonstrations to improve both the overseas screening for tuberculosis of immigrants and refugees and the domestic follow-up those entering with suspected TB (done in collaboration with Division of Global Migration and Quarantine, NCID); (4) promotes the improved recognition and management of tuberculosis among the foreign-born through special studies on the U.S./ Mexico border and at other overseas sites; (5) collaborates with the World Health Organization (WHO), the World Bank, the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases (IUATLD), the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and others to improve the quality of TB programs globally by supporting implementation of the WHO-recommended directly observed therapy, short-course (DOTS) strategy; (6) collaborates with the nation of Botswana, the WHO, the World Bank, the IUATLD, the USAID, and others, to conduct investigations into the diagnosis, management and prevention of tuberculosis in persons with and without HIV infection; (7) collaborates with the Global AIDS Program (GAP) in addressing the AIDS pandemic in countries where both HIV and TB are reported in epidemic proportions; (8) collaborates with the WHO, USAID, and several nations to reduce the impact of multi-drug resistant TB on global TB control; (9) prepares manuscripts for publication in scientific journals; (10) presents findings at national and international scientific meetings; and, (11) supervises Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) officers in the conduct of their two year assignments.

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Section C–C, Order of Succession

Delete in its entirety Section C–C, Order of Succession, and insert the following:

During the absence or disability of the Director, CDC, or in the event of a vacancy in that office, the first official

listed below who is available shall act as Director, except that during a planned period of absence, the Director may specify a different order of succession:

1. Director of CDC
2. Deputy Director for Public Health Science
3. Deputy Director for Public Health Service
4. Chief Operating Officer
5. NCCDPHP Director

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