

Committee on Human Reproduction, 1946-1952

The Committee on Human Reproduction was established within the National Research Council Division of Medical Sciences in 1947 in response to a request by the National Committee on Maternal Health, Inc. for an agency to provide scientific advice. The mission of the Committee on Human Reproduction was to investigate problems in human reproduction with an emphasis on maternal and fetal physiology and the physiological, economic, sociological, environmental, and population factors bearing on conception.

During the course of its existence, the Committee sponsored four annual conferences, each devoted to an aspect of human reproduction. These were: the physiology of pregnancy; population trends and the family; gonad and gametes; and reproductive wastage. Following the 1950 election of a new board of directors, the National Committee on Maternal Health appealed unsuccessfully to a number of foundations for funding. Consequently, funding for the activities of the Committee on Human Reproduction ceased as of 1 January 1951.

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