

Committees on Drug Addiction, Drug Addiction (Advisory), and Drug Addiction & Narcotics 1928-1965

[The following history of the National Research Council committees examining various problems of drug addiction was adapted from an account produced by the Research Council's Division of Medical Sciences in 1969.]

The roots of the National Research Council's various committees on drug addiction, dependence and narcotics reach back to a Committee on Drug Addictions established in 1921 by the Bureau of Social Hygiene, Inc., of New York City. The objective of this group was to combine professional and lay educational programs in the use and abuse of narcotic drugs with efforts to stimulate the search for agents with little or no addiction liability that might be substituted for opium derivatives in medical practice.

The Bureau soon realized its limitations in the promotion of research and, in 1929, invited the Division of Medical Sciences of the National Research Council to assume responsibility for this endeavor. The Division appointed its own Committee on Drug Addiction which developed plans for a coordinated program of chemical, pharmacological and clinical investigations. The Committee was instrumental in establishing and supporting a chemical laboratory at the University of Virginia and a pharmacological laboratory at the University of Michigan with funds provided by the Bureau of Social Hygiene and the Rockefeller Foundation. The Committee also enlisted the cooperation of the US Public Health Service Narcotics Hospital at Lexington, Kentucky for the clinical study of compounds produced and characterized by these two laboratories. Over a period of eleven years, several hundred morphine-related compounds were prepared and tested. A few came to clinical trial but only one, Metapon, was ever marketed.

In 1938, the Public Health Service established a Division of Chemotherapy at the National Institutes of Health, and in 1939 the National Research Council agreed to transfer the programs at the Universities of Virginia and Michigan to this new unit. The Research Council committee continued to serve in an advisory capacity.

The Advisory Committee on Drug Addiction was relatively inactive during the Second World War but was reconstituted in 1947 as the Committee on Drug Addiction and Narcotics. In 1965, its name was again changed, this time to the Committee on Problems of Drug Dependence. The new name was intended to reflect its broader interest in all types of drugs that produce dependence.

It immediately became evident to the Committee on Drug Addiction and Narcotics that the wartime success of German laboratories in producing new synthetic, morphine-like analgesic agents, including meperidine and methadone, was stimulating a lively response from the pharmacological industry in the United States. The anticipated flood of new drugs threatened to overwhelm the limited resources of the hospital at Lexington and urgently called for the development of methods for the screening of drugs to identify those that were of considerable promise. An appeal was made to the industry, and thirteen firms responded with funds that helped the Committee initiate two projects. The first, undertaken at the Harvard Medical School, was concerned with the clinical evaluation of the analgesic effectiveness of new

drugs submitted to the Committee. The second, at the University of Michigan, was for the development of a regimen for the assay of the dependence liability of these drugs in monkeys.

In making its awards, the Committee critically evaluated the design of each study and its pertinence to the overall objective of the program. It assigned new drugs to appropriate laboratories, and, on the basis of the cumulative data on any given drug, decided whether the toxicological, pharmacological, and clinical results justified screening for drug dependence first in the monkey, at the University of Michigan, and, on the basis of these results, in man at the Drug Addiction Research Center, PHS, at Lexington, Kentucky. Only when information from all of these screening stages was obtained and evaluated would the Committee submit to the Food and Drug Administration, the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, and the World Health Organization recommendations with respect to the national and international control of traffic in the drug in question.

The records of the National Research Council's Committee on Drug Addiction, Advisory Committee on Drug Addiction, and Committee on Drug Addiction and Narcotics cover the years 1928-1969 and contain correspondence, reports, meeting minutes, and other materials, spanning approximately six feet.

COMMITTEE ON DRUG ADDICTION, 1928-1941

SERIES 1: ADMINISTRATION

- Fellowships: 1931-1939
- Institutions Associations & Individuals
 - American Medical Association (AMA): General: 1929-1932
 - Bureau of Social Hygiene
 - Committee on Drug Addictions
 - Report of Activities 1921-1928: 1928
 - Termination of Activities: 1928-1930
 - General: 1935-1939
- Legal Matters
 - Patents
 - Policy re Committee on Drug Addiction Patents
 - Conference on Disposition of Narcotics Patents
 - Joint with Committee on Patent Policy: 1936-1937
 - Conference on Disposition of Narcotics Patents: 1933-1938
 - Small L F
 - Ethers of Morphine & Dihydromorphine & Their Respective N-oxides: 1936-1938
 - Ethers of Morphine & Its Dihydrogenated Derivative & Methods of Production: 1935-1936
 - Morphine Derivatives & Processes for Their Preparation: 1933-1938
 - Small L F & Fitch H M
 - Nuclear Substituted Derivatives of Morphine Series & Methods for Their Preparation
 - Foreign Patents
 - German: 1937-1939
 - General: 1936-1939

- US: 1937-1939
- Publications: 1931-1939

SERIES 2: FILES OF THE COMMITTEE ON DRUG ADDICTION

- Appointments
 - Members: 1928-1938
- Assistance to Outside Investigators
 - Anthropoid Experiment Station: 1934-1937
 - Fournau E: 1936-1937
 - General: 1934-1938
- Beginning of Program: 1928-1929
- Conferences: 1936
- End of Program: 1941
- Final Report & Collected Reprints 1930-1941: 1941
- Grantees
 - 1929-1939
 - Geiling E M K: 1940-1941
 - Hamlin E: 1940
 - Wright C I: 1940-1941
- Meetings
 - Minutes: 1929-1939
- Miscellaneous Papers: 1930-1940
- Policy: 1929-1939
- Projects
 - Development of Nonaddictive Analgesics
 - Chemical Synthesis
 - U of Virginia
 - Establishment of Research Unit: 1929
 - Preparation Reports: 1930-1939
 - General: 1930-1939
 - Yale U: 1929-1939
 - Clinical Studies
 - Beginning of Program: 1931-1932
 - Conferences: 1936-1940
 - General: 1940-1941
 - Leavenworth Penitentiary Annex: 1932-1934
 - Marine Hospital: 1938-1939
 - Massachusetts Dept of Public Health
 - Pondville Hospital: 1934-1939
 - General: 1938-1939
 - Massachusetts General Hospital: 1939
 - Middlesex County Sanitarium: 1934-1939
 - New York: Proposed: 1932
 - Public Health Service Hospital
 - Lexington
 - Symposium on Drug Addiction: 1936

- General: 1932-1939
 - U of Michigan Hospital: 1935-1938
 - Walter Reed General Hospital: 1937-1939
 - Drugs
 - Dihydrodesoxymorphine-D (Desomorphine): 1934-1937
 - Dilaudid: 1932-1939
 - Dolantin: 1940-1941
 - Metapon (Methyldihydromorphinone)
 - Commercial Development: 1937-1941
 - General: 1938-1939
 - Studies: Proposed: 1937-1939
 - Fellowships
 - E R Squibb & Sons: 1932-1939
 - Mallinckrodt & Co: 1933-1939
 - Merck & Co: 1933-1939
 - Pharmacologic Testing
 - U of Michigan: Establishment of Research Unit: 1929-1930
 - General: 1930-1938
 - Progress Reports: 1930-1938
 - Provision of Drugs to Research Units: 1929-1939
 - Reports
 - Studies on Drug Addiction: 1937-1938
 - Transfer of Chemical & Pharmacologic Work to US Public Health Service (USPHS): 1938-1939
 - General: 1932-1938
- Education of Physicians
 - Joint with American Medical Association (AMA)
 - Articles on Indispensable Use of Narcotics: 1929-1932
 - Indispensable Use of Narcotics: Compilation: 1931
- Effects of Drug Addiction on Chimpanzees
 - Joint with Anthropoid Experiment Station: 1933-1934
- Surveys of Literature
 - Chemistry of Opium Alkaloids: Small L F: 1929-1936
 - Surveys of Literature
 - Pharmacology of Opium Alkaloids
 - Hatcher R A: 1929-1931
 - Krueger H Eddy N B & Sumwalt M: Parts 1 & 2: 1941 & 1943
 - Manuscript: Hatcher R A: 1931
 - U of Michigan: 1931-1940
- General: 1930-1936
- Reports: 1929-1941
- Requests for Support
 - Bureau of Social Hygiene: 1929-1933
 - Rockefeller Foundation: 1931-1941
 - General: 1932-1939
- Statement of Program & Work in Progress: 1930-1931
- General: 1929-1941

SERIES 3: FINANCIAL RECORDS

- Finance
 - Funds
 - Grants
 - Bureau of Social Hygiene: 1929-1932
 - Rockefeller Foundation: 1931-1939
 - General: 1932-1939

SERIES 4: GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

- Agencies & Departments
 - Treasury
 - Public Health Service
 - Bureau of Narcotics: 1930-1938
 - Conference on Investigation of US Narcotic Drug Requirements: Aug 1930
 - Division of Mental Hygiene: 1930-1936
 - General: 1929-1939
 - General: 1931-1939
- Congress
 - Acts
 - Creation of Bureau of Narcotics within Department of Treasury: 1930
 - Establishment of Two Narcotics Farms: 1928
- International Relations
 - League of Nations
 - Advisory Committee on Traffic in Opium & Other Dangerous Drugs: 1936-1940
 - Conference on Limitation of Manufacture of Narcotic Drugs: 1931
 - Health Section
 - Examination of Dihydrodesoxymorphine-D: 1936-1937
 - Opium Assay Commission: 1937-1938
- Municipal Governments
 - Middlesex County Sanitarium: 1935
- State Governments
 - Commissioners on Uniform State Laws: Uniform State Narcotic Law: 1932
 - Massachusetts: Department of Public Health: 1934-1935

COMMITTEE ON DRUG ADDICTION, ADVISORY, 1941-1947

SERIES 1: RECORDS OF COMMITTEE ON DRUG ADDICTION, ADVISORY

- Appointments
 - Members: 1941-1945
- Beginning of Program: 1941

- Projects
 - Production & Distribution of Metapon: 1940-1946
- Reports
 - 1942-1947
- Requests for Advice & Drugs
 - Demerol: 1942-1944
 - Manufacture of Desomorphine: 1942
 - General: 1941-1947
- General: 1941-1946

SERIES 2: FINNANICAL RECORDS

- Grants: American Cancer Society: 1946

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- General: 1940-1947

COMMITTEE ON DRUG ADDICTION & NARCOTICS, 1947-1965

SERIES 1: COMMITTEE CORRESPONDENCE FILES

- Committee on Drug Addiction & Narcotics
 - 1960-1961
 - 1955-1959
 - 1950-1953
 - 1947-1949
- Activities [Excerpts from Division of Medical Sciences Annual Reports]: 1952-1954
- Cameron-Eddy Correspondence: 1961-1965
- General Reprints: 1954-1962
- Liaison Representatives: 1960
- Meetings
 - 21 Jun 1957
 - General: 1954-1965
- Membership
 - 1959-1964
 - May E L: 1961-1966
- Memoranda: 1960
- Name Change
 - Proposed: 1965
- Relationships
 - Bureau of Narcotics [Controversy re Charge to Committee]: 1959
- Report
 - Narcotics & Medical Practice: Joint with American Medical Association: 1963
 - Submitted to Committee: Summaries: 1955-1959

- Resolution
 - Applicability of Civil Commitment to Treatment of Addicts: 1960
 - On Treatment: Joint with American Medical Association: 1962
- Special Drug Reports from Dr Eddy to Mr Grove: 1964
- General: 1950-1965
- Committees
 - Problems of Drug Dependence
 - Cameron-Eddy Correspondence: 1966-1967
 - History: 1969
 - General 1966-1967

SERIES 2: COMMITTEE MEETING MINTUES

- Committee on Drug Addiction & Narcotics - Meetings
 - 27th: Minutes: Feb 1965 (Houston)
 - 26th: Minutes: Feb 1964 (Washington)
 - 25th: Minutes
 - Volumes I: Feb 1963 (Ann Arbor)
 - Volume II: Feb 1963 (Ann Arbor)
 - 24th: Minutes: Jan 1962 (NY)
 - 24th: Minutes: Addenda: Jan 1962 (NY)
 - 23rd: Minutes: Jan 1961 (NY)
 - 23rd: Minutes: Addenda: Jan 1961 (NY)
 - 22nd: Special: Minutes: Apr 1960 (Washington)
 - 21st: Minutes
 - Jan 1960 (Philadelphia)
 - Addenda: Jan 1960 (Philadelphia)
 - 20th: Minutes: Jan 1959 (Washington)
 - 19th: Minutes: Mar 1958 (Washington)
 - 18th: Minutes: Jan 1957 (Indianapolis)
 - 17th: Minutes: Jan 1956 (Washington)
 - 16th: Minutes: Sep-Oct 1955 (Bethesda)
 - 15th: Minutes: Jan 1955 (Lexington)
 - 14th: Minutes: Oct 1954 (Rensselaer, NY)
 - 13th: Minutes: Jan 1954 (NJ & NY)
 - 12th: Minutes: Nov 1953 (Boston)
 - 11th: Minutes: Jan 1953 (Lexington)
 - 10th: Minutes: Jun 1952 (Ann Arbor)
 - 9th: Minutes: Jan 1952 (Washington)
 - 8th: Minutes: Jun 1951 (Washington)
 - 7th: Minutes: Jan 1951 (Washington)
 - 6th: Minutes: Mar 1950 (Washington)
 - 5th: Minutes: Nov 1949 (Washington)
 - Conference with Representatives of Drug Manufacturers: Jul 1949 (Washington)
 - 4th: Minutes: Oct 1948 (Lexington)
 - 3rd: Minutes: May 1948 (Washington)
 - 2nd: Minutes: Jan 1948 (Washington)
 - 1st: Minutes: Oct 1947 (Washington)

SERIES 3: ALPHABETICAL & MISCELLANEOUS SUBJECT FILES

- "C" Miscellaneous: 1963-1964
- "D" Miscellaneous: 1965-1966
- "F" Miscellaneous: 1965-1966
- "G" Miscellaneous: 1964-1966
- "I" Miscellaneous: 1962-1965
- "J" Miscellaneous: 1962-1966
- "K" Miscellaneous: 1965-1967
- "L" Miscellaneous: 1961-1967
- "M" Miscellaneous: 1961-1967
- "N" Miscellaneous: 1961-1966
- "O" Miscellaneous: 1965
- "P" Miscellaneous: 1962-1967
- "R" Miscellaneous: 1963-1967
- "S" Miscellaneous: 1955-1966
- "U" Miscellaneous: 1961-1964
- "W" Miscellaneous: 1951-1967

- Abuse of LSD: 1966-1967
- Alcoholism & Drug Addiction Research Foundation [Polaczek]: 1962-1967
- American Medical Association (AMA): 1963
- Foreign Correspondence: 1960-1967
- Huntley H C [re Levoprome]: 1967
- Quinn W F: 1963
- Sadove M S: U of Illinois: 1961-1962
- United Nations: European Office [Braenden]: 1960-1966
- Varenne G: 1961-1966
- World Health Organization [Halbach]: 1961-1966

SERIES 4: CORRESPONDENCE WITH DRUG MANUFACTURERS

- A H Robins Co: 1961-1968
- Abbott Laboratories: 1962-1967
- Bristol Laboratories Inc: 1961-1967
- Bristol-Myers Product Division: 1961-1966
- Burroughs Wellcome & Co: 1965-1966
- Charles E Frost & Co: 1961-1966
- Chas Pfizer & Co: 1961-1965
- CIBA Pharmaceuticals: 1961-1967
- Edinburgh Pharmaceutical: 1961-1964
- Endo Laboratories Inc
 - 1961-1967
 - For submission to Feb 1968 meeting: 1968
- G D Searle & Co: 1961-1967

- Geigy Research Laboratories: 1961-1967
- Hoffman-La Roche: 1961-1966
- J F Macfarlan & Co Ltd (Scotland UK): 1961-1963
- Knoll Pharmaceuticals: 1961-1967
- Lederle Laboratories: 1961-1967
- Lilly Research Laboratories: 1960-1969
- Macfarlan-Smith Ltd (Scotland UK): 1965-1966
- Mallinckrodt Chemical Works: 1961-1966
- McNeil Laboratories: 1962-1967
- Mead Johnson Research Laboratories: 1961-1966
- Merck & Co [Merck Sharp, and Dohme]: 1961-1967
- Miles-Ames Research Laboratory: 1960-1966
- National Drug Co: 1961-1967
- Reckitt & Sons Ltd: 1964-1967
- Riker Laboratories: 1961-1967
- S B Penick & Co: 1961-1967
- Schering Corp: 1961-1967
- Smith Kline & French Laboratories: 1961-1967
- Squibb Institute: 1961-1967
- Sterling-Winthrop Research Institute: 1961-1966
- Strassenburgh Laboratories: 1960-1962
- T H Smith [See Edinburgh Pharmaceutical folder]
- Upjohn Company: 1962-1967
- Vick Chemical Co: 1961-1967
- Wallace Laboratories: 1961-1967
- Warner-Lambert Research Institute: 1961-1967
- Winthrop Laboratories: 1961-1967
- Wm S Merrell Co: 1961-1967
- Wyeth Laboratories: 1961-1967

SERIES 5: FINANCIAL FILES

- Expenditures & Commitments: 1952-1966
- Grantees
 - Aston R: 1963-1967
 - Beecher H K: 1949-1965
 - Bellville J W: 1961-1963
 - Cass L J: 1958-1966
 - Lee L E: 1954-1969
 - Seevers M: 1950-1959
- Grants
 - 1 Jul 1964 - 30 Jun 1965
 - 1 Jul 1963 - 30 Jun 1964
 - 1 Jul 1962 - 30 Jun 1963
 - 1 Jul 1961 - 30 Jun 1962
 - 1 Jul 1960 - 30 Jun 1961

- 1 Jul 1959 - 30 Jun 1960
- 1 Jul 1958 - 30 Jun 1959
- 1 Jul 1957 - 30 Jun 1958
- 1 Jul 1956 - 30 Jun 1957
- 1 Jul 1955 - 30 Jun 1956
- 1 Jul 1954 - 30 Jun 1955
- 1 Jul 1953 - 30 Jun 1954
- 1 Jul 1952 - 30 Jun 1953
- Listing of Grants Awarded by Committee on Drug Addiction & Narcotics: 1950-1963

SERIES 6: GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

- Bureau of Narcotics
 - Advisory Committee to Commissioner of Narcotics: 1960-1961
 - Drugs Disposal Committee: 1961-1965
 - Title 21: 1961
 - General: 1951-1965
- Canada Food & Drug Directorate: 1962-1964
- Japan-US Cooperative Science Program
 - Research on Narcotic & Drug Abuse: 1964-1965
- Judicial Conference of DC Circuit
 - Committee on Laws Pertaining to Mental Disorders: 1964-1965
- National Institute of Mental Health
 - Development of Chemical Test for Narcotic Excretion: 1960
 - USPHS Hospital
 - Lexington: 1961-1967
 - Lexington: Fraser H F: 1961-1963
 - Lexington: Isbell H: 1961-1962
- New York City: 1961-1966
- New York State: 1961
- President's Advisory Commission on Narcotic & Drug Abuse: 1963
- President's Commission on Law Enforcement & Administration of Justice: 1966
- Veterans Administration
 - Cooperative Study on Evaluation of Narcotics & Analgesics: 1962-1965
- White House Conference on Narcotic & Drug Abuse: 1962