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## About the Center

### Our mission

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The mission of the National Center for Infectious Diseases (NCID) is to prevent illness, disability, and death caused by infectious diseases in the United States and around the world.

#### [Our priority disease prevention areas](#)

To accomplish this goal, our staff members work in partnership with local and state public health officials, other federal agencies, medical and public health professional associations, infectious disease experts from academic and clinical practice, and international and public service organizations.

We accomplish our mission by conducting surveillance, epidemic investigations, epidemiologic and laboratory research, training, and public education programs to develop, evaluate, and promote prevention and control strategies for infectious diseases.

### Infectious diseases

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Infectious diseases are the leading cause of death worldwide, and the number of deaths from infectious diseases in the United States has been increasing. Infectious diseases ranked third among the leading causes of death in 1992 in the United States.

The wide use of effective antibiotics, the potential for universal immunization for many childhood illnesses, and success stories such as the imminent eradication of polio encouraged the perception that infectious diseases are no longer a public health threat. However, even as some previously epidemic infectious diseases have been controlled, new diseases emerge and old diseases rebound, sometimes in drug-resistant forms. These events increasingly challenge public health and medical care professionals.

### Organizational structure

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NCID is one of [12 Centers, institutes, and offices](#) within CDC. NCID is comprised of the divisions, programs, and offices outlined below:

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