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Discussion Items from March 31, 2008 Subcommittee Meeting

The Research, Condition and Disease Categorization tool was created to establish " An electronic system to uniformly code research grants and activities"

Recommendation:

To ensure that complete analyses are carried out to satisfy several requirements, including:

- Those intrinsic to the RCDC
- Biennial Report to Congress
- Public reporting of NIH funded research data
- Easy access to the information by key groups/individuals including NIH Institutes and Centers, and the Scientific Community at large.

How to initiate this analysis?

Perform a pilot- "proof of principle"- analysis using the RoadMap as the prime material. This analysis should include:

- A detailed portfolio analysis for roadmap initiatives
- An analysis of IC priorities and reporting methods

To identify gaps in NIH priorities it is important to explore other federal government research databases (e.g., NSF, DOD, DOE, etc.), and other readily available NIH data (e.g., unfunded, but scored research applications)

How can DRDA begin defining public health burden?

Use one prevalent disease/syndrome (e.g., obesity) to explore methods for investigating how this syndrome relates to various seemingly unrelated aspects of public health (for instance, addictive behavior, neurodegenerative diseases, intrauterine and early postnatal child development, etc.).