OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Director of the Cancer Research Center is responsible for the administrative direction of the Center, the recruitment of associates and staff, recommendations for staff appointments and promotion through the usual university procedures, space allocations, budgetary planning and control, program review and evaluation, and the development of the Cancer Research Center. In addition to the administrative responsibilities listed above, the Director of the Cancer Research Center also:

- Provides the day-to-day administrative direction of the Center.
- Gives leadership, direction and support to all components of the Center, including overall planning and evaluation functions, centralized services, and project review. Current programs are in Epidemiology, Data Resources, Basic Sciences, Clinical Science and Cancer Control.
- Cooperates closely with cancer-related education programs of the Schools of Public Health and Medicine of the University of Hawaii.
- Assists the respective heads of the Cancer Research Center
programs in developing coordinated research and education programs and encourages interdisciplinary approaches to research problems involving more than one program.

- Cooperates closely with on-going research programs in the community, to promote, develop and expand new cancer research activities among individual investigators in the community.

- Develops and maintains cooperative and collaborative relationships with all relevant departments and programs of the University, the Research Corporation of the University and the medical and lay associations and societies in the communities.

- Maintains effective relations with the National Cancer Institute (NCI).

- Seeks funding for the Cancer Research Center programs and projects from other potential sources in addition to the National Cancer Institute.

- Develops and maintains appropriate relationships with other cancer centers in the nation as well as with international programs in cancer.

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Technical Advisory Committee is responsible for the technical review of the Center’s programs and advises the Director on policy relevant to the scientific direction of the Center. It is responsible for the technical review of all developmental programs.
requesting funds in excess of $4,000. In addition, it assists in
the planning process and serves as the
Center's internal evaluation committee. The Committee is composed
of ten members appointed for three-year terms by the University's
Vice-President for Research. Members of the committee are appointed
by the Vice-President for Research and may be reappointed.

CANCER RESEARCH CENTER BOARD OF ADVISORS

In order to obtain further community liaison, a Cancer
Research Center Board of Advisors has been established. This Board
is composed of some 16 to 18 knowledgeable, community-oriented
representatives from the professionals of cancer care and prevention
(e.g., physicians, dentists, nurses, hospital executives); from
cancer oriented volunteer associations such as the American Cancer
Society, Hawaii Division; from cancer interested public health
sectors; from the University of Hawaii; and from consumers of cancer
care and prevention. Members are appointed by the President of the
University of Hawaii.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

The Center maintains a variety of shared resources or
laboratory facilities that are available to all investigators in or
affiliated with the Center. These include:

- Pathogen-Free Animal Quarters
- Human and Animal Tumor Cell Banks
- Biohazard Facility for Carcinogens and Viruses, P-3 category
- Computer Resource and biostatistical Services
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Staff services in fiscal and personnel affairs are provided under the direction of the Director:

- Development and control of the budget
- Procurement of services and goods
- Maintenance of all grants and contract accounts for principal investigators
- Support for grant administration
- Liaison with the University of Hawaii and community institutions on all fiscal matters
- Liaison with the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii (RCIH) on all accounts management for grants and contracts service ordered to the RCIH
- Implementation of personnel policies for University employees
- Preparation of personnel documents
- Maintenance of personnel records
- E.I.O. officer for the Center.

PROGRAM

BASIC SCIENCES PROGRAM

The major functions of the Basic Sciences Program are to:

- Develop and implement well-defined basic research programs studying the immunology, virology, molecular biology and chemical induction of cancer that are consistent with the stated goals of the National Cancer Act.
- Promote interaction between basic scientists and scientists
associated with the Center's Epidemiology and Clinical Science Programs.

- Coordinate basic cancer research programs existing throughout the State, particularly in the areas of environmental carcinogenesis, cancer immunology, and experimental therapeutics.

- Encourage basic scientists with research interests similar or complementary to those of the Center scientists to become formally associated with the Cancer Research Center.

- Develop interdisciplinary programs that take advantage of our strengths and unique capabilities.

- Provide support for the development of new approaches for the study of cancer prior to requests for funding from extramural agencies.

- Provide a forum for interchange of new ideas and new technology.

- Provide centralized resources easily accessible to cancer researchers that would be difficult for individual scientists to acquire and maintain.

CLINICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM

The major functions of the Clinical Science Program are to:

- Improve cancer care through the application of clinical research.

- Develop treatment protocols in chemotherapy, immunotherapy, and radiation therapy designed to meet the needs of Hawaii's diverse population.
- Participate in the application of national treatment protocols through the various oncology groups.
- Develop an outreach program for outer island physicians so as to give them access to experimental drugs.
- Provide radiation physics support statewide for radiation therapy.
- Provide treatment planning statewide for radiation therapy.
- Engage in pharmacological studies for cancer chemotherapy drug metabolism.

Epidemiology Program

The major functions of the Epidemiology Program are:

- To identify etiologic factors in human cancer, through both descriptive and analytic epidemiologic studies.
- To emphasize the unique characteristics of the population of Hawaii, particularly its multi-ethnic composition, as the primary focus for these studies.
- To collaborate with other units of the Cancer Research Center, and with agencies outside the Center, in both research and service activities.
- To provide assistance in the areas of research design and data analysis to other units of the Cancer Research Center.
- To support training of future researchers in the field of cancer epidemiology.
- To help maintain the statewide Hawaii Tumor Registry (HTR) as a vital resource for cancer research, treatment and control.
DATA RESOURCES PROGRAM

The major functions of the Data Resources Program are:

- To support and coordinate all levels of computer-related activities in the Cancer Research Center.

- To develop and promote utilization of population data sources for cancer research and control.

- To analyze the computer needs of the Center by developing a timetable, identifying personnel and computer time requirements and deriving a cost estimate.

- To serve as a liaison group between the Center's investigators and other computing resources in the community for special applications.

- To develop and maintain generalized programs for data storage, retrieval and analysis.

- To coordinate and supervise the use of temporary programming help within the Center.

- To manage and supervise the use of the computing facility dedicated for cancer research and control activities.

- To provide computer job processing service and schedule shifts for authorized project personnel.

- To provide training and technical assistance to investigators for the use of computing facilities available in the Data Resources Program.

- To identify and acquire existing health-related data sources in Hawaii.

- To organize and link various data sources in the computer
for the improvement of information retrieval.
- To demonstrate the use of relevant information in the population data base for hypothesis testing.
- To promote collaborative efforts in formulating new hypotheses in the etiology of cancer using the population data base testing.

CANCER CONTROL AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

The major functions of the Cancer Control and Community Outreach Program are:

- To conduct research into techniques and approaches which will be most successful in cancer control in the multiethnic setting of Hawaii.
- To provide general public and professional information and educational programs on cancer control in Hawaii, through such activities as the Cancer Information Service and the Physician Data Query System.
- To develop a data base for monitoring and evaluating cancer control efforts in the State of Hawaii.
- To foster localized and statewide control programs aimed at lowering the incidence of cancers of specific sites in Hawaii.
- To promote continuity in the care of the cancer patient from the moment of diagnosis through recovery or death.