

whether the policy was issued for full amount applied for; if less than full amount issued, specify what proportion or percentage of amount applied for.

If rejected for insurance: To how many companies was application made?

Optional: On a voluntary basis it would be worthwhile asking the actual sum applied for and the amount issued.

The Committee on Statistics further recommends these steps to obtain life insurance company mortality experience on insured diabetics, as defined above:

a. Communication of the Association's interest in the matter to the appropriate life insurance organizations: The Society of Actuaries, the Association of Life Insurance Medical Directors of America, and the American Life Convention—Medical Section.

b. As an alternative, the Chairman of this Committee be empowered to make the necessary inquiries because (1) he has had it in mind to do anyway and deferred it until enough time had elapsed for sufficient experience to accumulate; and (2) Dr. Sheridan, of the Committee, and he both have ready access to the responsible officers of the Associations mentioned above.

*Committee Recommendation for Statistical Program of the Association Administered by a Statistician on the Staff\**

The Committee on Statistics has proposed from time to time that certain activities of a statistical nature should be conducted by the Association as an essential function of the organization. Such a program would fulfill certain needs of the Association and is in line with the practice of other major voluntary organizations in medicine and public health, for example, the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, the National Tuberculosis Association, and the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Since even for these organizations the statistical program varies widely, it is proper that any such plan for the American Diabetes Association take into account its particular needs and mode of organization, as well as the modest budget which would be available for such an operation.

The Committee has made a preliminary exploration of the matter, and while it is not yet ready to formulate plans in any detail it expects to do so before the next meeting of the Council and report further on the matter then. It does, however, recommend that the Council provide funds for a program to be operated by a statistician on the Association's staff, with enough clerical and other

help from other staff members, so that the cost of this operation initially will not exceed \$10,000 to \$12,000 annually. The initial activities of the statistician would be:

1. To compile and analyze available data on incidence, morbidity and mortality from diabetes, and such additional statistical information on the disease as will enable the office of the American Diabetes Association to reply directly to inquiries on these subjects.

2. To provide information on these subjects to the Affiliates of the Association.

3. To assemble, analyze and interpret the data obtained in local Diabetes Detection Drives for use of the Association itself and for its Affiliates.

4. To conduct surveys of a limited character by the questionnaire method or otherwise. (The proposal of Dr. Palmer, which is considered earlier, is a good example of one of the functions of the proposed staff statistician.)

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SIXTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

The next Annual Meeting of the American Diabetes Association will be held in Chicago, June 9-10, 1956, prior to the Annual Session of the American Medical Association, June 11-15. As previously announced, The Drake will serve as headquarters hotel, and a number of guest rooms will be available. An announcement of the meeting, together with a hotel reservation card, has been sent to all members of the Association, who are urged to make their reservations promptly. Please note that the hotel information cards which were mailed in the spring of the year were for survey purposes only. It is essential that members fill out and send directly to The Drake the reservation card which accompanies the announcement. Additional reservation cards may be secured by writing to the National Office.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Physicians and other scientists are invited by John A. Reed, M.D., Chairman of the Committee on Scientific Programs, to submit abstracts of papers which they would like to present at the Scientific Sessions.

Persons interested are requested to submit ten copies of the abstracts to facilitate review of the material by the Committee. Since a great number of abstracts will be at hand for the Committee to consider, they should be submitted as promptly as possible.

\*Referred by the Council to the Executive Committee.