

The Bureau of Food and Drugs is mandated to provide safe and wholesome food, drugs and consumer products. It regulates the manufacture, distribution, and sale of drugs, milk, and food products. It is also responsible for the control of dangerous substances or drugs which have an abuse potential. Ionizing and non-ionizing radiation sources are monitored and regulated to ensure the public safety against radiation emissions. Consumer products are analyzed and tested to ensure that consumers are adequately protected against illness or injury associated with their use.

Staff: 1975, 266; 1976, 270;
1977, 277.

LABORATORIES ADMINISTRATION

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The Laboratories Administration has broad responsibilities for making a wide variety of laboratory tests to assist physicians and health officials in the prevention, diagnosis and control of human diseases. The Administration makes examinations in connection with the enforcement of the State's health laws, and the chemical, microbiological and radiological surveillance of the environment related to foods, waters, sewage, air, pharmaceuticals, bedding and upholstery. It also licenses, if in compliance with minimum standards and qualifications, all blood banks and clinical laboratories and certifies laboratories making examinations of water and dairy products involved in shipments out of Maryland, and periodically inspects all such laboratories to assure compliance.

In addition to the Central Laboratory in Baltimore, there are eight branch laboratories throughout the State.

Staff: 1975, 272; 1976, 270;
1977, 261.

PREVENTIVE MEDICINE ADMINISTRATION

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The Preventive Medicine Administration provides technical and professional assistance and consultation, as well as some direct services, to other Administrations under the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene and to the subdivisions of the State, primarily to local Health Departments. The Preventive Medicine Administration is responsible for many diversified activities. The general maternal and child health program is concerned with maternal health and population dynamics, infant, child and adolescent health, day care services; and provision of services for heritable disorders. Crippled Children's Services stresses early diagnosis and treatment to prevent costly handicapping disabilities thus promoting the fullest potential of each child. Communicable Disease and Epidemiology provides immunization programs against childhood and some adult epidemic diseases including influenza and venereal disease control services. Dental Health Service promotes the prevention of dental disorders and the correction of dental defects resulting from failure or neglect of preventive measures. Veterinary Medicine is concerned with the control of animal conditions which adversely affect public health, including inspection and licensing of kennels and pet shops. The staff is representative of many professions which include physicians qualified in the specialties of pediatrics, obstetrics, and epidemiology; public health nurses with special preparation and training in obstetrics and pediatrics; and dentists, psychologists, nutritionists, public health veterinarians, social workers, physical therapists, speech pathologists, audiologists, occupational therapists, public health investigators, and health educators.

Staff: 1975, 223; 1976, 230;
1977, 232.

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