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VII: VOLUNTARY OR PRIVATE HEALTH AGENCIES

The evolution of the private health organizations has been one of the striking and vital factors in the development of health service in the United States.

These agencies may be grouped under the head of: (1) Organizations; (2) Foundations; (3) Commercial agencies; (4) Industrial agencies.

1. Organizations. We have great numbers of organizations of private individuals who are interested in special problems. Time and space will permit only a mention of those having a national scope.
 - a. National Tuberculosis Association (1904). A unique association with branches in all 48 states.
 - (1) Activities. Field service on tuberculosis; surveys; research standards for hospitals; educational programs.
 - (2) Support. Christmas seals.
 - b. American Social Hygiene Association
 - (1) Activities. Law enforcement; medical measures; educational activities; publications.
 - (2) Support. Memberships and contributions from individuals and foundations.
 - c. National Committee for Mental Hygiene (1917)
 - (1) Activities. Care of mentally diseased; clinics; teaching of psychiatry; surveys; prevention of delinquency
 - d. American Society for Control of Cancer (1913)
 - e. Association for Prevention of Heart Disease
 - f. American Public Health Association
 - g. National Organization of Public Health Nursing
2. Foundations. Have increased in size, number, and scope of their activities during the past 10 years.
 - a. Rockefeller Foundation. Began activities as a sanitary commission to control hook worm (1909) -- was broadened in Foundation in 1913 with fund of 100 million dollars.

Foundation consists of four divisions: International Health Board; China Medical Board; Division of Medical Education; Division of Studies.