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The functions of the Quality Control Committee are:

1. To establish and/or review quality control techniques and criteria to be used in central laboratories and centers and in the clinical centers. Where appropriate, such criteria and techniques will be incorporated into the respective manual of operations.
2. To develop and/or implement procedures for the periodic review of the performance of the central facilities and clinical centers.

The Quality Control Committee will assume these responsibilities in relation to the following:

1. Central Biochemistry Laboratory
2. Central Amino Acid Laboratory
3. Central GFR Laboratory
4. Central EKG Laboratory
5. Data Coordinating Center
6. Nutrition Coordinating Center
7. Drug Distribution Center
8. Central Blood Pressure Protocol and Clinical Center Blood Pressure Technicians
9. Central Anthropometric Measurement Protocol and Dietitian Anthropometric Measurement
10. Clinical Center Laboratories

After the establishment of appropriate quality control protocols and monitoring techniques, data relative to these issues will be provided by the Data Coordinating Center for periodic review by the Quality Control Committee. The Quality Control Committee will review the performance of the above facilities and, when indicated, either directly or indirectly initiate corrective measures.