§ 2732. Commissioner; functions, powers and duties. The commissioner shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) To conduct scientific investigations and surveys of the causes, mortality, methods of treatment, prevention and cure of birth defects and genetic and allied diseases.

(b) To publish from time to time the results of such investigations and surveys for the benefit of the public health and from time to time collate such publications for distribution to scientific organizations and qualified scientists and physicians.

(c) To carry on programs of professional education and training of medical students, physicians, nurses, scientists and technicians in the causes, methods of treatment, prevention and cure of birth defects and genetic and allied diseases.

(d) To conduct and support counseling services.