



## **Big Data for Public Health Research and Practice**

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### **Message from the Guest Editor**

Dear Colleagues,

We are organizing a Special Issue on the use of big data to inform public health research and practice.

To enable decision-making, we need timely data on the determinants of health and well-being. Big data can often be operational or “organic” data generated not for research purposes, including social media, news feeds, Google Street View images, online reviews, blogs, and billing, pharmacy, and laboratory data. These data are providing new ways of obtaining information on factors such as social norms, built environment features, health behaviors, and individual characteristics that can impact health. This Special Issue is focused on innovative ways big data are leveraged for health research.





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