



Big Data for the Advancement of Health Equity

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Message from the Guest Editor

Research harnessing expansive and relatively untapped big data resources, including social media data, health insurance claims, medical records, Google street view images, police and court records, video surveillance, banking, and land use reports, explores an under-used source of data for the purposes of improving public health. Big data resources can be used to collect timely information to complement traditional data sources such as clinical trials or observational cohort studies, which are expensive, may include less diverse study participants, may be geographically restricted, and may involve a substantial delay between when the data are collected and when they become available for researchers.

Big data can be used to answer a host of critical research questions related to health equity based on race, social class, and sexual orientation, across and within nations. This includes research to document existing health inequities, research to investigate the drivers of health inequities such as racism, as well as interventions to reduce these health inequities. We invite submissions covering any of these areas related to the use of big data to advance health equity.





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