Open Public Health Data Discovery: Start with re3data.org

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Background:
Open public health data consists of organized online data repositories assembled during or after public health investigations. There are enormous quantities of organized public health repository data emerging in a variety of academic, government, or non-commercial discipline or subject repositories. A new registry of research data repositories, re3data.org, has the potential to improve the identification, access, and reuse of public health data, as well as promote best practices of data preservation and management. The intention of this investigation is to provide an introduction to effective use of re3data.org for access to shared open public health data.

Results:
The observations of the identified public health repositories were recorded with a shared Google Sheet, in order to facilitate and conduct observations of patterns and comparisons.

Methodology/Description:
The authors examined epidemiology, public health, health services, and social medicine data repositories tagged for public health subjects in re3data.org (n=135) for country of origin, sponsorship, features, data access, and description.

Data viewable at: https://tinyurl.com/re3datapostermla2020