



The Utility of Administrative Data in Health Research

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The availability and use of regional or national population-based administrative data in health research (e.g., health insurances, cancer, and mortality registries) has increased rapidly in recent years. Especially in countries where a unique person identifier enables the linkage of various databases, administrative data allow estimating the risk of morbidity or mortality, taking into consideration sociodemographic as well as clinical and laboratory-based factors. The use of administrative data in health research has advantages as well as disadvantages. Additionally, real-world data may allow the analysis of long-term trends, which is rarely possible in clinical studies. On the other hand, administrative data are not set up primarily for scientific use but for administrative purposes (e.g., financial claims) and may thus not meet scientific requirements.

This Special Issue seeks methodology and original research papers on the various aspects of using real-world or administrative data to describe health-related indicators and their potential association with sociodemographic, environmental, and biometric data.





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