Search Engine for Population Healthcare Research Databases

B.R.I.D.G.E. TO DATA® (**www.bridgetodata.org**) is a unique online reference profiling population healthcare databases for use in **epidemiology** and **health outcomes** research. Drawing on decades of experience with databases, DGI, LLC (nonprofit) developed this updated tool and launched it in 2009 to allow users to identify databases with relevant populations for their research.

This user-friendly resource allows users to:

- View an interactive map & database listing
- Search for databases by region/country & other criteria
- Review individual database attributes
- Compare database elements side-by-side
- Export search results into Excel
- Modify or Narrow database search results
- Save database searches
- Create collections of database profiles
- Access a Glossary of international terms (e.g., coding systems)

This resource also serves as:

- An educational tool for public health research, and
- A good model for designing data resources worldwide

B.R.I.D.G.E. TO DATA® currently has **465+ standardized database profiles from 65 countries**. Each profile includes **75 core data fields** describing the database, population type, coding systems, data on drugs / diagnoses / procedures, cost information, validation & linkage, administrative/contact information, a list of recent publications. More profiles are added on a regular basis; our newest additions include **27 biobank** and **33 genetic data fields**. (*NOTE: This site does not contain any proprietary data or actual datasets from any healthcare database.*)

Types of databases profiled include:

- Longitudinal EMR and claims
- Drug or disease-specific cohorts
- Registries
- Genetic databases & Biobanks
- National statistics and surveys
- National surveillance systems
- Spontaneous reporting systems
- Clinical Trials

The site has various tutorials (video format) demonstrating how users can use the resource. Prior to signing up, you can view a sample set of five complete database profiles and poster presentations of case studies using the resource.

B.R.I.D.G.E. TO DATA® is a paid subscription online service with General, Academia, and Database Manager subscription categories. Users are bound by Terms of Use and are encouraged to read the FAQs for answers to common questions. Customer service is available by emailing info@bridgetodata.org.

B.R.I.D.G.E. TO DATA® also offers assistance on database-related projects such as:

- Identify data sources meeting your study's unique criteria;
- Identify KOLs for a specific therapeutic area;
- Communicate with data vendors on your behalf;
- Facilitate data access (third-party data requests);
- Develop searchable database repositories customized for your team;
- Create tables of multi-source data elements (study data feasibility, publication tables);
- Draft database or B.R.I.D.G.E. TO DATA descriptions for publications; and
- Help incorporate B.R.I.D.G.E. as a database teaching tool.

The **B.R.I.D.G.E. TO DATA®** Team can be contacted any time for a proposal (info@bridgetodata.org).