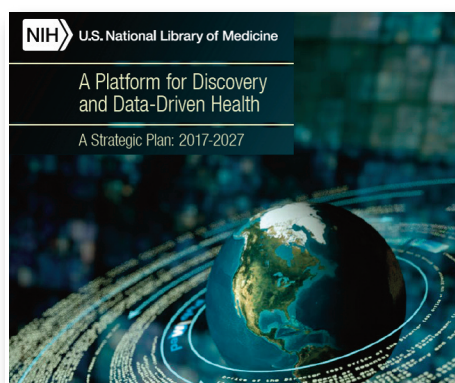# National Library of Medicine report for EAHIL

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### NLM announces its 2017-2027 Strategic Plan

I'm excited to report that the Board of Regents of the National Library of Medicine has endorsed its 2017-2027 strategic plan, *A Platform for Biomedical Discovery and Data-Powered Health.*

Our vision as we approach our third century is to unleash the potential of data and information to accelerate and transform discovery and improve health and healthcare. NLM resources - from PubMed and GenBank to ClinicalTrials.gov and MedlinePlus – have opened the channels for communication necessary to advance research from bench to bedside, while promoting rigor and reproducibility. And, as the world's largest biomedical library, we play a critical role in meeting this ongoing shift to data-powered research and the huge demand for access to its resources.

Below are the overall goals of the plan, but I encourage you to read the entire plan for a better understanding. I also would encourage you to stay involved in ongoing conversations and progress as we begin implementing the plan by following the NLM Director's blog, ***Musings from the Mezzanine***.

### Goal 1: Accelerate discovery and advance health through data-driven research
1.1    Connect the resources of a digital research enterprise
1.2    Advance research and development in biomedical informatics and data science
1.3    Foster open science policies and practices
1.4    Create a sustainable institutional, physical, and computational infrastructure

### Goal 2: Reach more people in more ways through enhanced dissemination and engagement
2.1    Know NLM users and engage with persistence
2.2.   Foster distinctiveness of NLM as a reliable, trustable source of health information and biomedical data

2.3    Support research in biomedical and health information access methods and information dissemination strategies

2.4    Enhance information delivery


### Goal 3: Build a workforce for data-driven research and health

3.1    Expand and enhance research training for biomedical informatics and data science

3.2    Assure data science and open science proficiency

3.3    Increase workforce diversity

3.4    Engage the next generation and promote data literacy