Open data has fueled major advances for improved health outcomes, ranging from increased access to care to informing medical research. Organizations in this sector rely on open health, geospatial, demographic and social, as well as scientific research data.

HOW ORGANIZATIONS USE OPEN DATA
Internationally, organizations in the health sector are using open data to:

• Help consumers find local healthcare providers to meet their needs
• Provide information on doctors, specialists, and hospitals
• Make information on drugs/medications more accessible
• Help consumers find the medicines they need and compare prices
• Evaluate health outcomes
• Conduct epidemiological studies; predict and monitor disease outbreaks
• Develop more effective treatments; better target response

USE CASES

Aidin
A website that improves the patient-placement process in choosing a post-acute provider
URL: http://www.myaidin.com/
Country: United States
Impact: Reduces asymmetric information between patients and post-acute care providers
Data Used: Health data including Nursing Home Compare, Home Health Compare, and Patient Outreach and Hospital Integration from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Medicat.io
A website that provides information on medication, as well as other useful information such as where to find out-of-hours pharmacies, for the general public
URL: http://medicat.io
Country: France
Impact: Helps consumers be better informed about drugs before discussing it with their pharmacist or doctor.
Data Used: Public database of medicines and National file of Health & Social Institutions (FINESS) from the Ministry of Social Affairs, Health & Women's Rights; National repository drug interactions & Official list of medication drugs in allopathy, homeopathy & herbal from the National Agency for the Safety of Health Products (ANSM); Drugstores on duty & emergency in Paris for 2015 from Ile de France - Regional Health Agency

TOP APPLICATIONS OF OPEN DATA FOR THE SECTOR

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