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First 1,000 participants enrolled in the All of Us Research Program at University of Arizona and Banner Health

In July 2016, the University of Arizona and Banner Health were selected as one of four initial Regional Medical Centers in the National Institutes of Health (NIH) *All of Us* Research Program, a cornerstone of the Precision Medicine Initiative. The grant award is the largest NIH peer-reviewed grant in Arizona history, totaling \$43.3 million over five years.



Led by Principal Investigators **Akinlolu Ojo, MD, PhD, MBA, Usha Menon, PhD, RN, FAAN, Eric Reiman, MD, and Andreas Theodorou, MD, FCCM, FAAP**, UA and Banner investigators have worked with leaders across the country to finalize scientific priorities at the national level as well as focused locally on building the Program infrastructure.



The *All of Us* Research Program launched its pilot phase at three Banner hospitals – Banner University Medical Center campuses in Tucson, South Campus, and Phoenix – on June 20, 2017.

Since then, two additional sites have come on board: Banner Estrella Medical Center and Banner Desert Medical Center. The *All of Us* Research Program will be offered at many of Banner's 28 hospitals and numerous outpatient facilities over the next five years.

More than 60 new full-time positions have been created to support the program's success, including clinical research, communications, and community outreach professionals.

Recently, the program celebrated an historic milestone: the 1,000th participant at University of Arizona and Banner Health enrolled into the All of Us Research Program.

University of Arizona Health Sciences Interim Senior Vice President **Leigh Neumayer, MD, FACS** commended the teams. "From the beginning, this has been a team effort. Congratulations to our partners at Banner Health, our staff and our investigators who have worked diligently to ensure the success of this initial program enrollment. So many amazing volunteers have stepped forward as one of the million participants to lead the way in providing the kind of information that will create truly individualized prevention, treatment, and care for all of us."

"Banner Health is proud to be a part of the game-changing research that will give us insight into disease prevention and treatment across

the diverse social, racial, ethnic and ancestral populations living in communities across our country," says **Peter S. Fine**, President and CEO of Banner Health.

"This Program serves as a wonderful example of how the strengths of Banner Health and the University of Arizona Health Sciences can work together for the benefit of patients," said Kathy Bollinger, President, Banner – University Medicine.

The *All of Us* Research Program is a landmark effort to gather data from one million or more people living in the United States to accelerate research and improve health. A primary goal of the Program is ensuring more than half of the participants come from communities that are historically underrepresented in biomedical research. This Program is unique because it is not a single research study focused on a specific disease or population, but a Program intended to provide a national resource for thousands of studies, covering a wide variety of health conditions.

Over the next several months, the *All of Us* Research Program continues in its beta phase, seeking volunteers as participants to ensure the features, tools, and resources of the Program are meaningful and responsive to participant feedback, and will result in a positive experience in the Program.

To learn more, call 877-AQUAOU4 or sign up for Program updates by visiting <https://allofusaz.uahs.arizona.edu/>.
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