

Supporting Data-Powered Health for
Researchers Participants, and
Communities

All of Us Research Program



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Precision Medicine Initiative

All of Us
RESEARCH PROGRAM

**The future
of health
begins
with you**



**precision
medicine:**
**the right treatment
for the right
person at the right
time**

The Cost of Imprecise Medicine



Patients

- Health care is often targeted to the average patient, not the individual
- Health problems can take years to unravel, with significant trial and error



Providers

- Not enough research to draw on for clinical evidence, especially in diverse populations
- Medical records scattered in different places
- Not enough time to analyze one patient at a time



Researchers

- Enormous time and cost spent building IT systems vs. doing research
- Siloed data resources and funding opportunities
- Challenges acquiring large sample sizes
- Slow translation of data into knowledge

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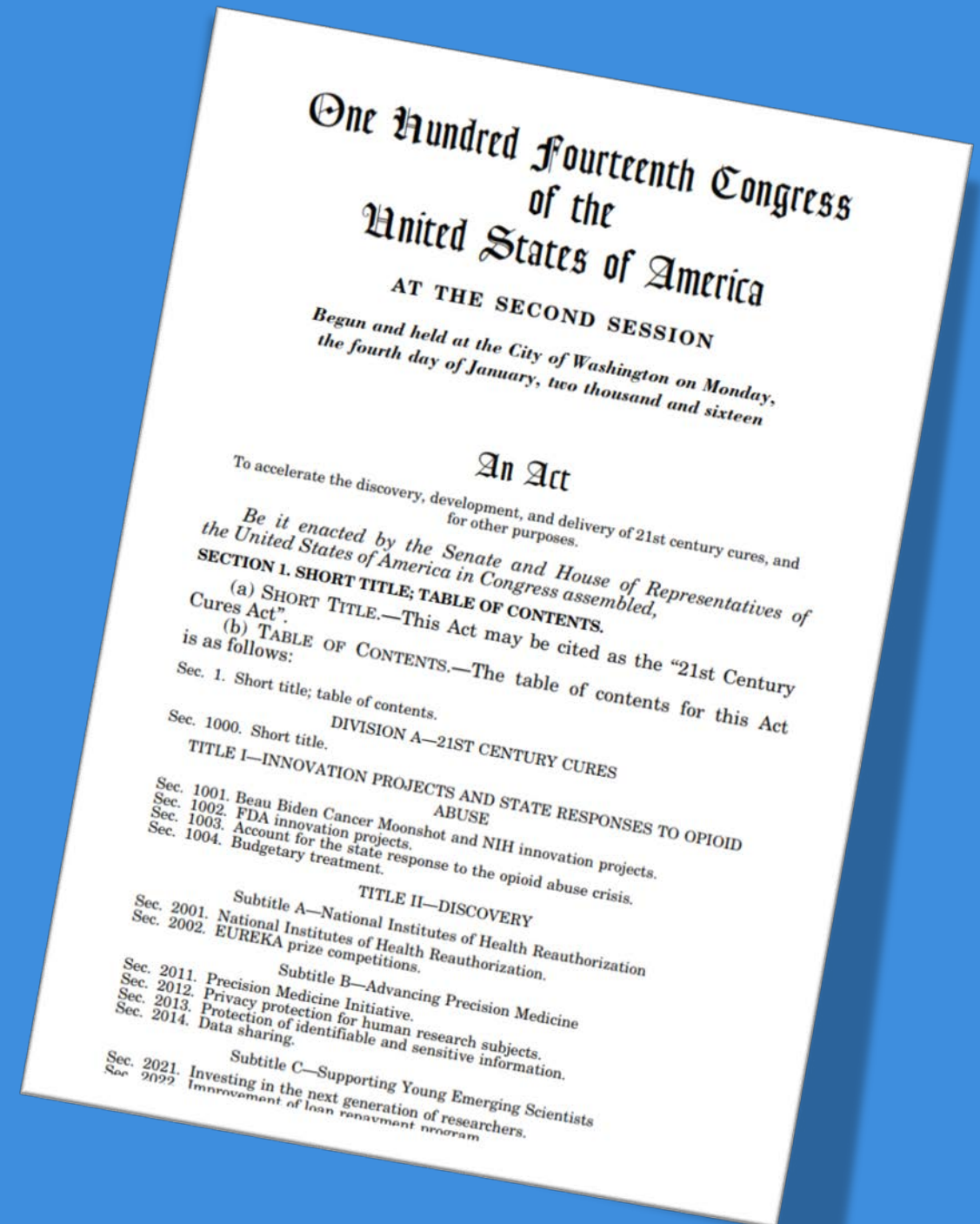
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 - Data Security Policy Principles
- 2016: Codified and Statutorily Mandated by the 21st Century Cures Act



21st Century Cures Act

- H.R.34. (Pub. L. 114-255)
enacted December 13, 2016
- Provides the Precision Medicine Initiative with \$1.455 billion over 10 years
- Language on:
 - Diversity
 - Data sharing
 - Privacy



What is the *All of Us* Research Program?

- ***Rich, Longitudinal Resource***: Deliver a national resource of deep **clinical, environmental, lifestyle, & genetic data** from one million participants who are consented & engaged to provide data on an ongoing, longitudinal basis (60+ years!)
- ***Diversity of Participants***: Reflect the broad diversity of the U.S.—**all ages, races/ ethnicities, gender, SES, geographies, & health status**—by over-recruiting those underrepresented in biomedical research
- ***Diversity of Researchers***: Build the tools & capabilities that make it easy for researchers **from community scientists to premier university labs** to make discoveries using the data & biosamples and through ancillary studies w/ the cohort



All of Us Mission and Objectives

Nurture relationships

with one million or more participant partners, from all walks of life, for decades



Our mission

To accelerate health research and medical breakthroughs, enabling individualized prevention, treatment, and care for all of us

Deliver the largest, richest biomedical dataset ever

that is easy, safe, and free to access



Catalyze a robust ecosystem

of researchers and funders hungry to use and support it

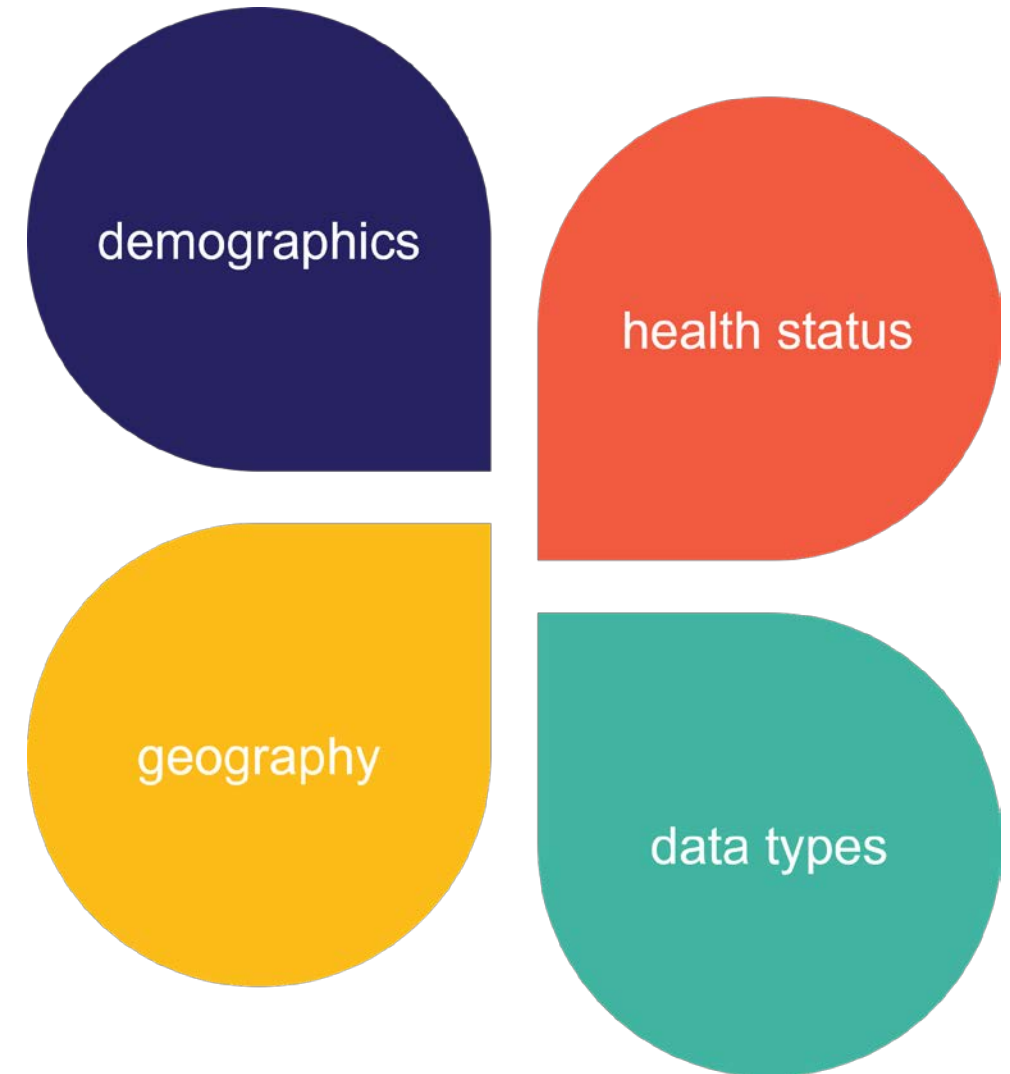


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A Transformational Approach to Diversity

Reflect the country's rich diversity to produce meaningful health outcomes for communities historically underrepresented in biomedical research.



A Transformational Approach to Participation

Participants are true partners - not patients, not subjects - in the research process.

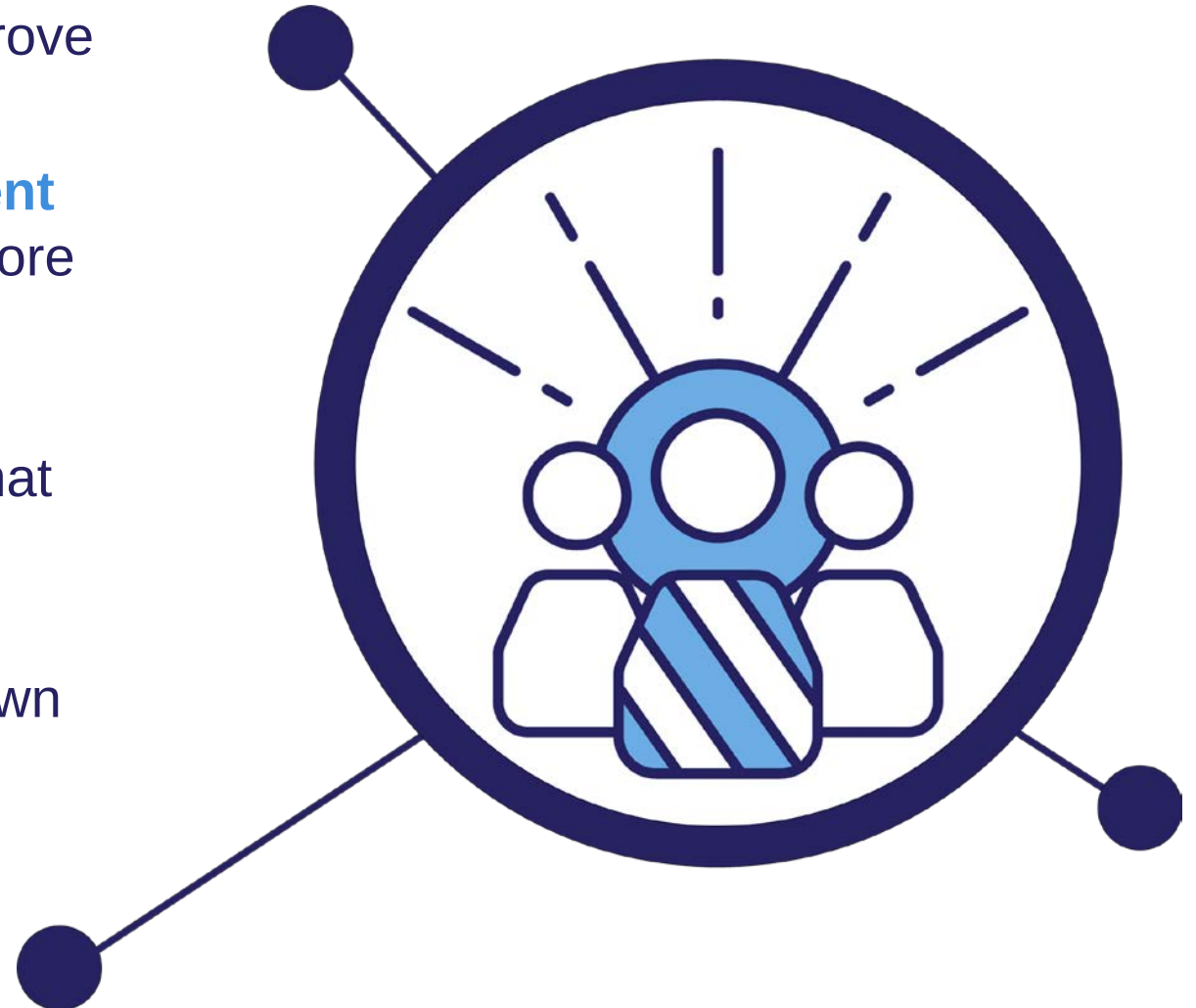
They are involved in helping us think through:

- What **data** we collect
- What **lab analyses** we do
- What **research** is conducted
- How **data** gets returned



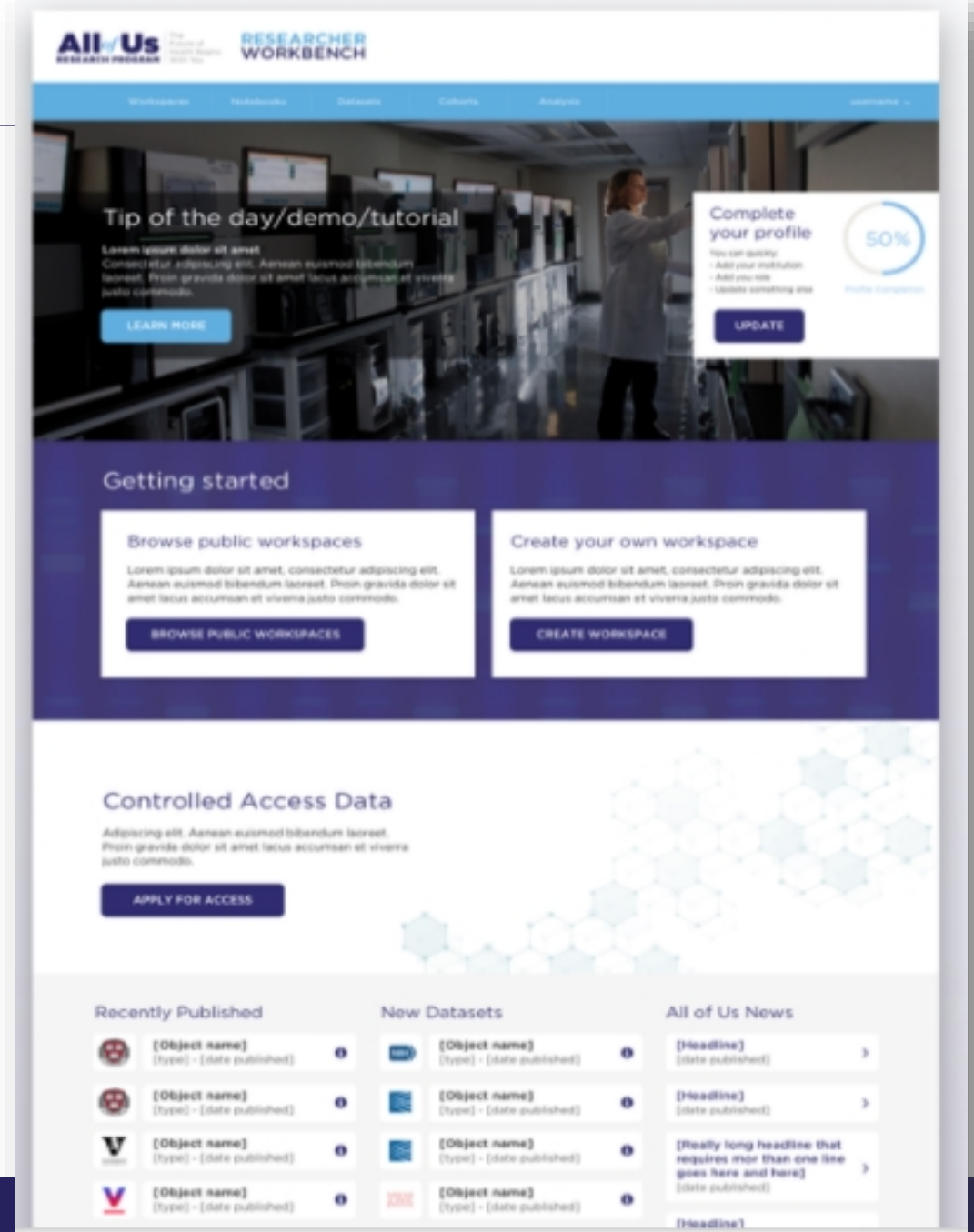
What is the Promise for Participants?

- An opportunity to **fight disease** and improve the health of future generations
- The opportunity to **be part of a movement** to make our health care more precise, more personal, and more effective
- The opportunity to **ensure that your community is included** in the studies that may lead to new understanding and new treatments
- An **opportunity to learn** some of your own health indicators and get your own data



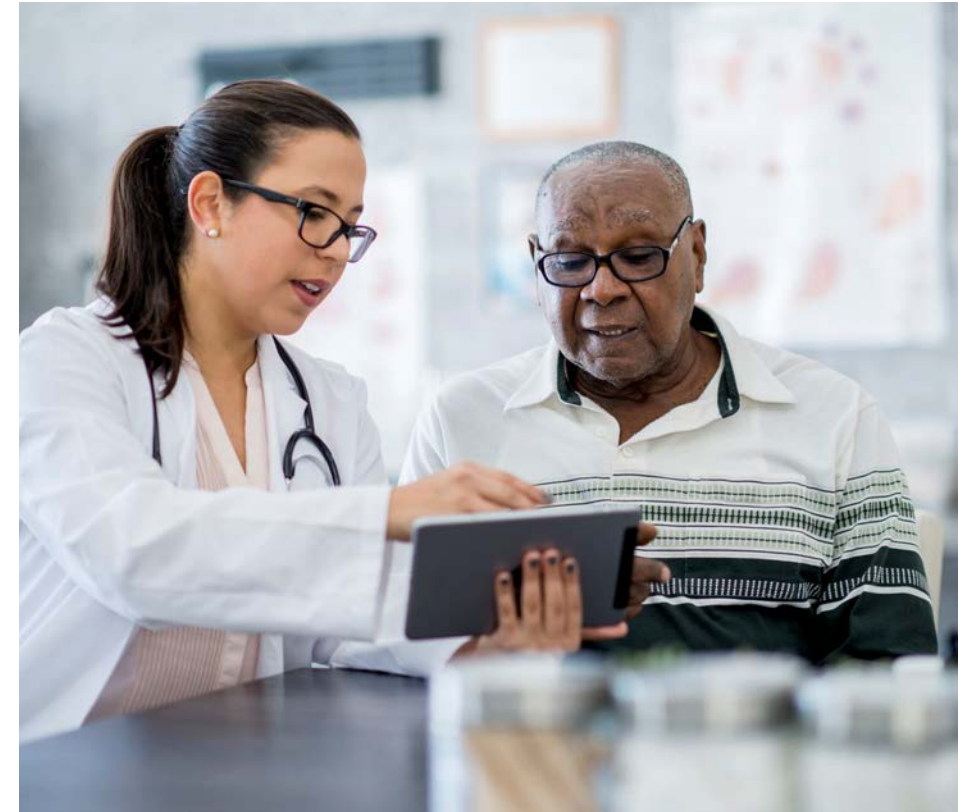
What is the Promise for Researchers?

- ① The opportunity to **save time and resources** and **accelerate your research breakthroughs**
- ② The ability to easily **share workspaces and analyses** with research partners and reviewers.
- ③ The chance to learn from the program's pilots and experiments and **leverage innovations** for other studies and cohorts.



What is the Promise for Providers?

- ◎ Over time, **increased scientific evidence and improved guidelines** to enable precision medicine opportunities for more people and conditions:
 - Better understanding of the **impact of environment and lifestyle factors** on health.
 - Increased knowledge of differences in risk factors and response to treatments among **diverse populations**.
 - More information on the development of conditions that will allow for **earlier detection**.
 - Deeper understanding of different conditions that may allow for **better stratification**.
- ◎ Innovations that may make it easier to **share electronic health records** with other providers and patients.
- ◎ New knowledge to help address **health disparities**, increase **patient engagement**, and understand the usefulness of **consumer health devices and apps**.



Approach to Privacy and Security

- Guided by privacy, trust, and data security principles developed by experts with input from the public.
- Data warehouse is built with the most advanced security available.
- Experts have done and will continue to do rigorous security testing.
- Data is encrypted and direct identifiers are removed.
- Researchers must agree to a code of conduct before accessing the data.
- Participants' preferences will be respected.
- Protected by a Certificate of Confidentiality.
- Committed to transparency in the event of a data breach.



Safeguarding identity and data is our most important responsibility.

All of Us Research Program Building Blocks

All of Us Research Program Consortium

DATA AND RESEARCH CENTER

Big data capture, cleaning, curation,
& sharing in secure environment

Vanderbilt, Verily, Broad Institute

BIOBANK

Repository for processing, storing,
and sharing biosamples (35+M vials)

Mayo Clinic

PARTICIPANT TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS CENTER

Web and phone-based platforms
for participants

Vibrent Health

PARTICIPANT CENTER / DV NETWORK

Direct volunteer participant enrollment,
digital engagement innovation, and
consumer health technologies

*Scripps Research Institute
(with multiple partners)*

HEALTHCARE PROVIDER ORGS NETWORK

HPOs with clinical & scientific
expertise, enrollment & retention of
participants

*30+ regional medical centers, FQHCs,
VA, and future awards to grow network*

COMMUNICATIONS & COMMUNITY NETWORK

Communications, marketing, and
design expertise; engagement
coordination and community partners
network

*Wondros, HCM, community partners,
and future awards to grow network*

All of Us Consortium Members

DV Network

(Direct Volunteers)



Biobank



HPO Network

(Health Care Provider Organizations)

RMCS

California Precision Medicine Consortium

UC San Diego Health



Illinois Precision Medicine Consortium



New England Precision Medicine Consortium



Trans-American Consortium for the Health Care Systems Research Network



New York City Precision Medicine Consortium



Southern All of Us Network



SouthEast Enrollment Center



All of Us, Wisconsin



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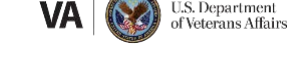
University of Pittsburgh



FQHCs (Federally Qualified Health Centers)



VA Medical Centers



Communication & Engagement

WONDROS



Platform Development



WONDROS



Two Methods of Enrollment



DIRECT VOLUNTEERS



**HEALTH CARE PROVIDER
ORGANIZATIONS**

Potential Activities Asked of Participants



Enroll, Consent and Authorize EHR

- Recruiting 18+ years old initially; plan to include children in 2019
- Online, interactive consent
- Includes authorization to share Electronic Health Record (EHR) data



Answering Surveys

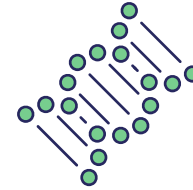
- Surveys: The Basics, Overall Health, Lifestyle, Family History, Health Care Access and Utilization
- Additional surveys will be released on an ongoing basis.



Physical Measurements*

- Blood pressure
- BMI
- Heart rate
- Height
- Hip circumference
- Waist circumference
- Weight

**Based on diverse sampling and capacity*



Provide Biosamples*

- Blood (or saliva, if blood draw is unsuccessful)
- Urine specimen
- Biosamples will be stored at the program's biobank

**Based on diverse sampling and capacity*



Wearables and Digital Apps

- Share data from wearable fitness devices, starting with FitBit
- Share data about mood & cardio-respiratory fitness through integrated apps
- More integrations to come

Coming soon

All of Us Today and into the Future

Present

- ◉ > **200,000** participants registered
- ◉ > **100,000** core participants
- ◉ ~ **75%** of current participants self-identify as belonging to one or more population that has been historically underrepresented in biomedical research

Future

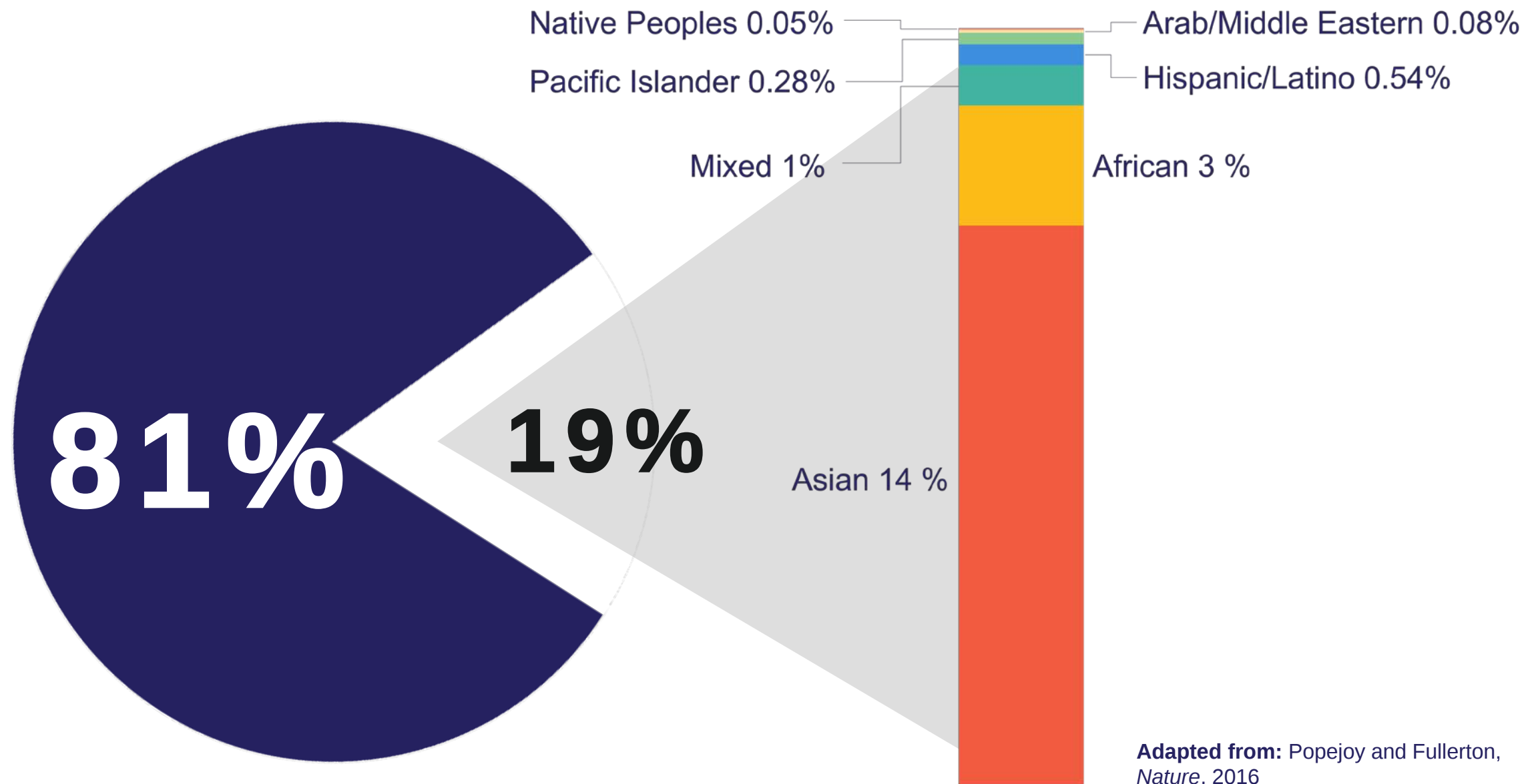
- ◉ **Broaden inclusion** to additional demographics
- ◉ **Provider outreach** to engage with and educate clinical stakeholders
- ◉ Expand **linguistic support** for non-English or Spanish speakers
- ◉ Launch the **researcher portal**

Importance of Historically Underrepresented Populations

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Persistent Racial and Ethnic Bias in GWA Studies



Adapted from: Popejoy and Fullerton, *Nature*, 2016

Minorities make up
38%
of the US population.

Minority populations to rise to over
56%
of overall population.

Minority enrollment in clinical trials
<10%

**underrepresentation in
biomedical research
populations includes
dimensions of race and
ethnicity, as well as
age, sex, gender,
sexual orientation,
income, education,
geography, access to
care, and disability.**

Potential Improvements in Minority Health

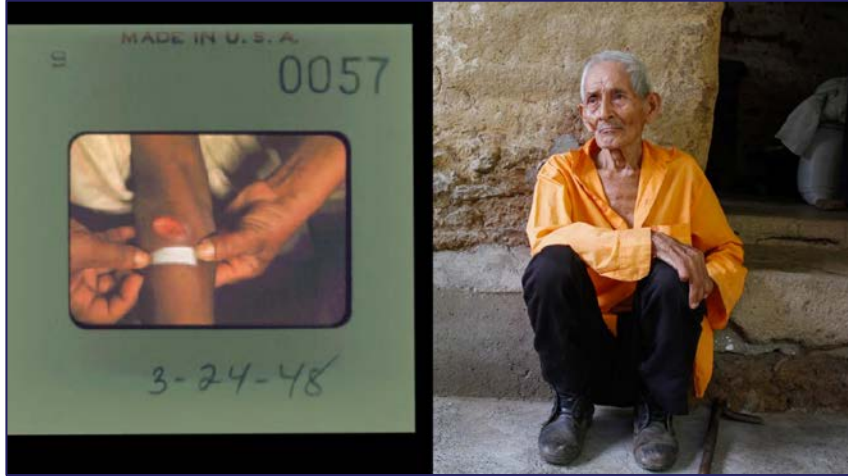
Health disparities are well known but NOT well understood.

- Why do African-Americans have a higher mortality rate from chronic diseases, including cancer, Alzheimer's, diabetes, and heart disease?
- Why is stroke more common among rural communities?
- Why is Hepatitis B more common in the Asian and Pacific Islander population?

Precision medicine asks us to look even beyond racial or ethnic group and into unique biological information to determine likelihood of developing and dying from disease.

But we can only determine these genetic variations if we increase minority participation in research— then, we will be able to speed treatments and cures for the conditions and diseases that afflict minority populations the most.

Disenfranchisement and Historical Abuses



UNDERREPRESENTED IN BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH

Build Trust & Create Value



**trust will be earned through
robust engagement and full transparency.**

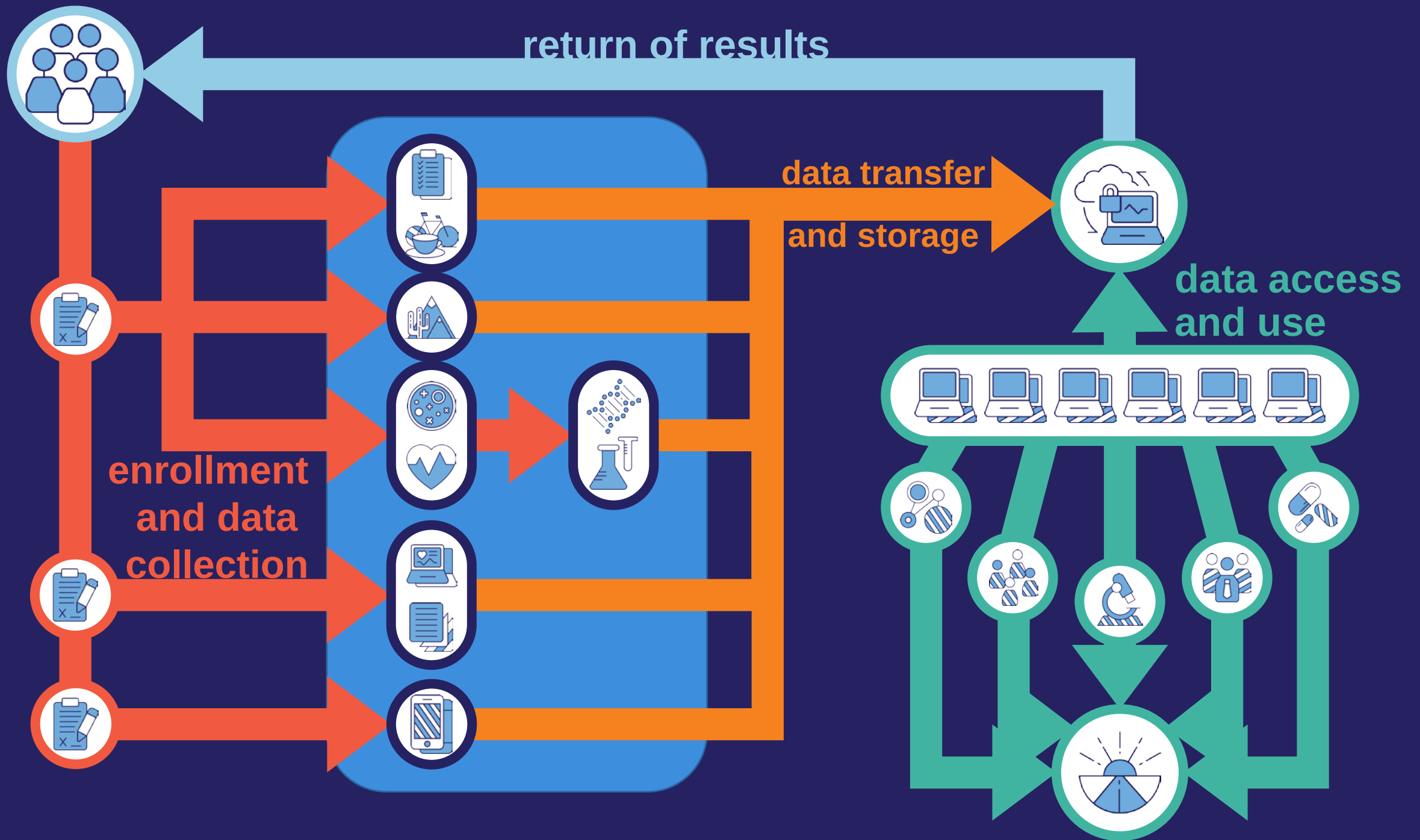
All of Us Community and Provider Partner Network



All of Us Data Access

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All of Us Research Program Data



Participant Surveys



Electronic Health Records



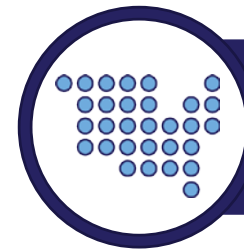
Physical Measurements



Biospecimens and Assays



Mobile/Wearable Tech



Geospatial/Environmental
Data

Data types will grow and evolve with science, technology, and trust

considerations

Sharing Data with Researchers

- ⦿ Data ownership and control
- ⦿ Participant privacy and identifiability
- ⦿ Rules for appropriate access and use
- ⦿ Prevention and penalizing misuse

Balancing openness and oversight

Balancing paternalism and autonomy

- ⦿ Ethical, legal, and regulatory obligations
- ⦿ Potential benefits and harms
- ⦿ Content and context of data return
- ⦿ Feasibility

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researchers



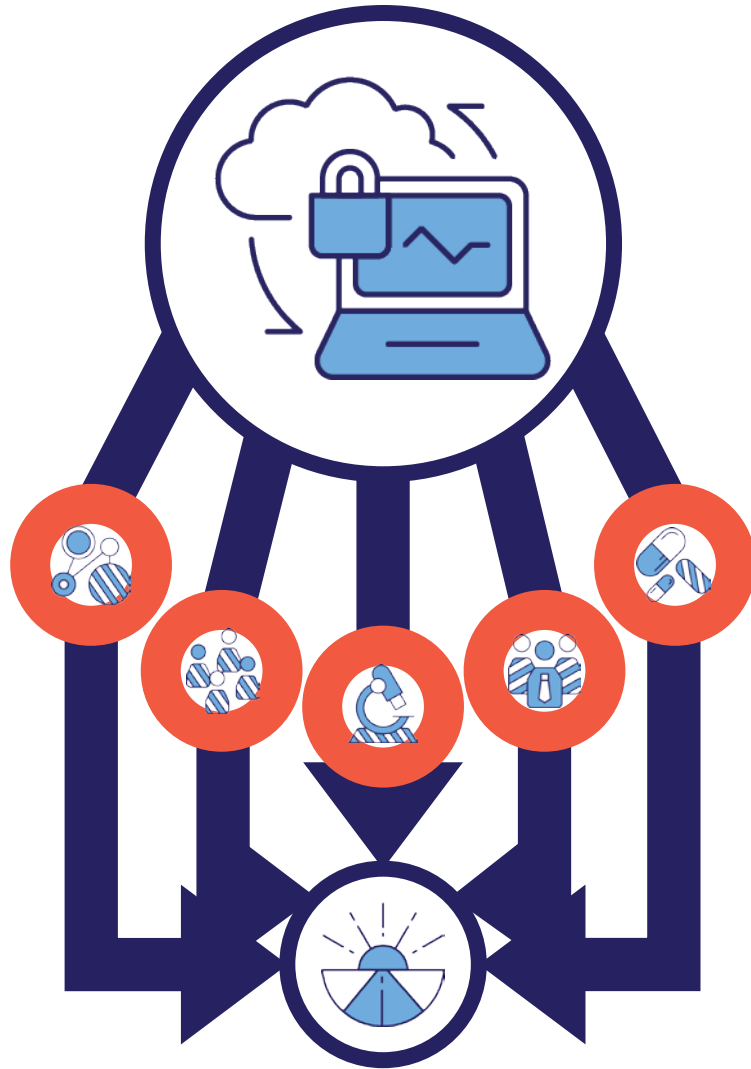
Balancing Openness with Oversight

- What is an appropriate standard of deidentification?
- What privacy and security provisions (should) apply?
- Who should get access to the data, and how much should they be trusted?
- What responsibilities are borne by the data user?
- What are the potential avenues and harms of data misuse?
- What can be done to dissuade and/or punish bad actors?



"They're harmless when they're alone, but get a bunch of them together with a research grant and watch out."

The *All of Us* Approach to Data Access



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The *All of Us* Data Resource Code of Conduct (examples)

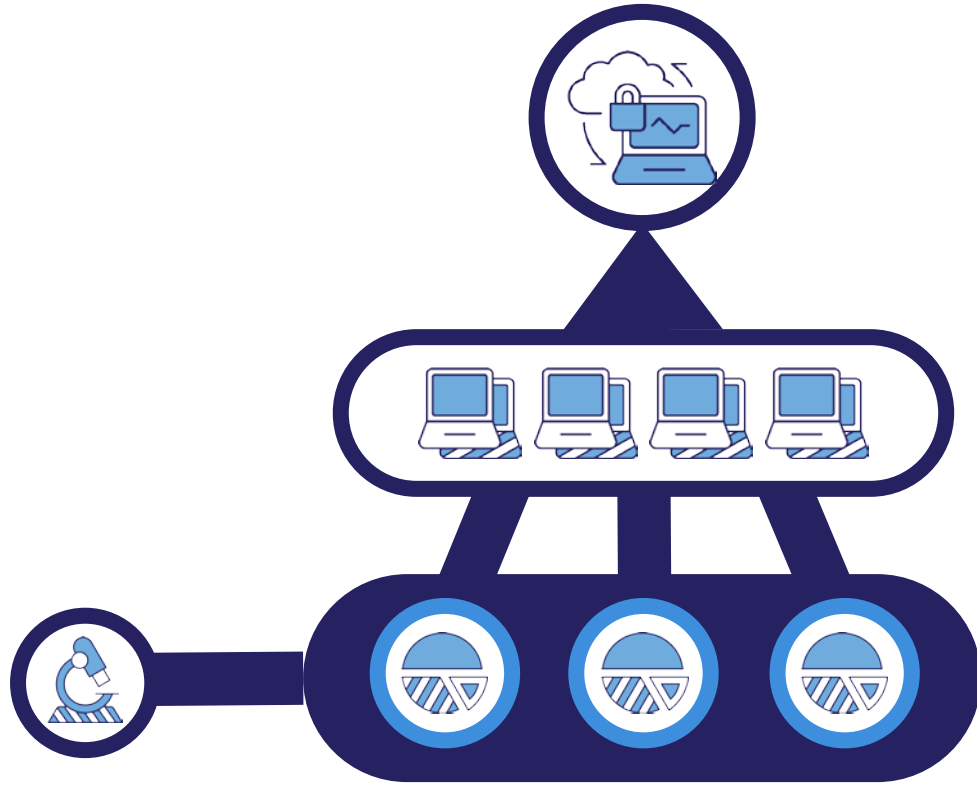
I WILL:

- ⦿ know and follow **all applicable federal, state, and local laws** regarding human data access and privacy.
- ⦿ contact the *All of Us* Research Program Resource Access Board (RAB) within 24 hours if I become aware of **any uses or disclosures of *All of Us* data that endanger the security or privacy of research participants**, including any unintended re-identification of participants through the process of my work.

I will NOT:

- ⦿ use *All of Us* Research Program data for **research that is discriminatory or stigmatizing** of individuals, families, or communities.
- ⦿ **attempt to re-identify** research participants or their relatives.
- ⦿ **use or disclose the information** other than as permitted by this DUA.
- ⦿ **make copies of or download individual-level data** resources outside of the *All of Us* research environment without approval from RAB.

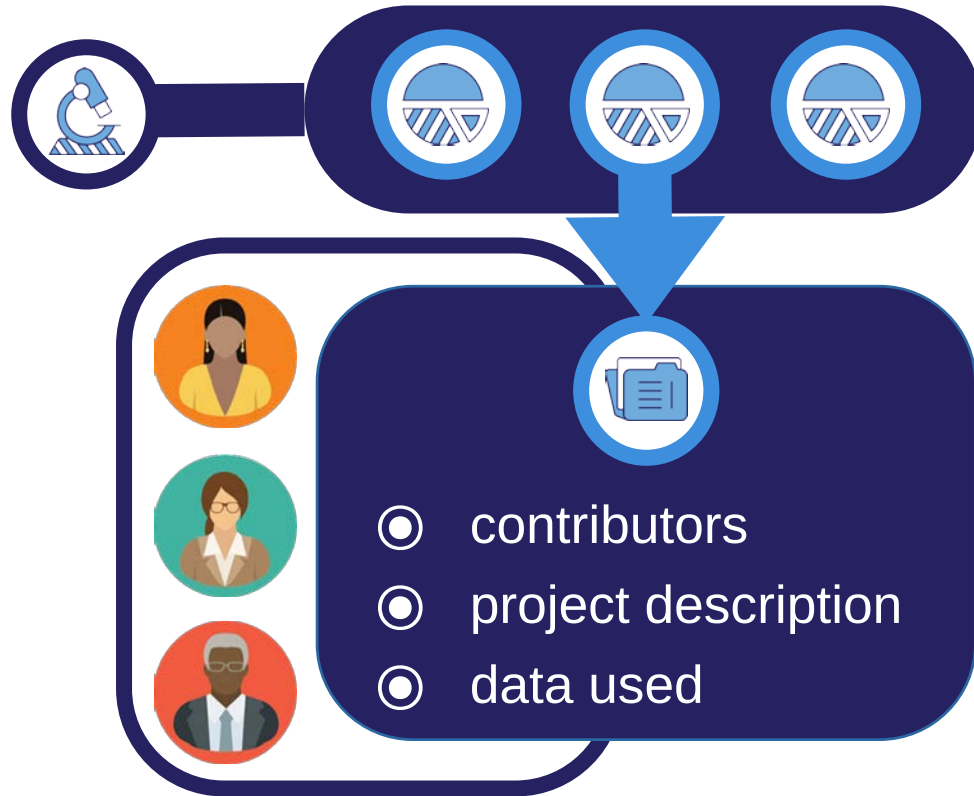
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- Project information will be made **public** and **auditable**

All of Us Research Hub

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All of Us Research Program

Learn more about becoming a participant at JoinAllofUs.org

Learn about the program at AllofUs.nih.gov

There are thousands of
research questions.
Let's find some answers.

The *All of Us* Research Program is building one of the largest biomedical resources of its kind to explore how lifestyle, environment, and biological makeup affect health and disease. When it's available, researchers will be able to use the diverse data here to explore a wide range of biomedical and scientific hypotheses.



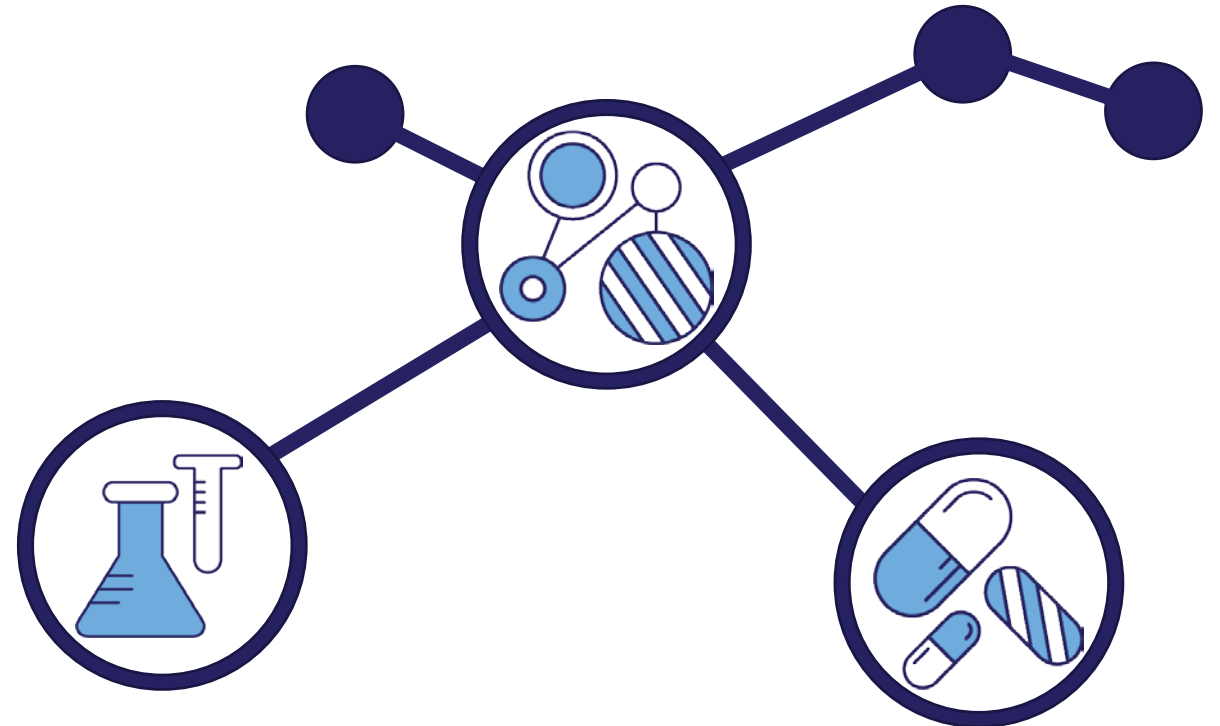
Sign up to get updates on the *All of Us* Research Hub.

GET EMAIL UPDATES

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Sample Scientific Opportunities

- Develop quantitative **estimates of risk** for a range of diseases by integrating environmental exposures and biological factors
- Identify the causes of individual variation in response to commonly used therapeutics = **pharmacogenomics**
- Discover **biological markers** that signal increased or decreased risk of developing common diseases
- Use **mobile health technologies** to correlate activity, physiological measures, and environmental exposures with health outcomes
- Develop **solutions to health disparities**
- Create a platform to enable **trials of targeted therapies**
- **Empower study participants** with information to improve their own health



sharing data with
participants



Research Participants Want Information Back

PLOS ONE published a public opinion survey conducted by the Foundation for the NIH.

2,601 responses were analyzed.

79% supported the program after reading a short description.

54% said they would definitely or probably participate if asked—not predictive of enrollment numbers, but encouraging.

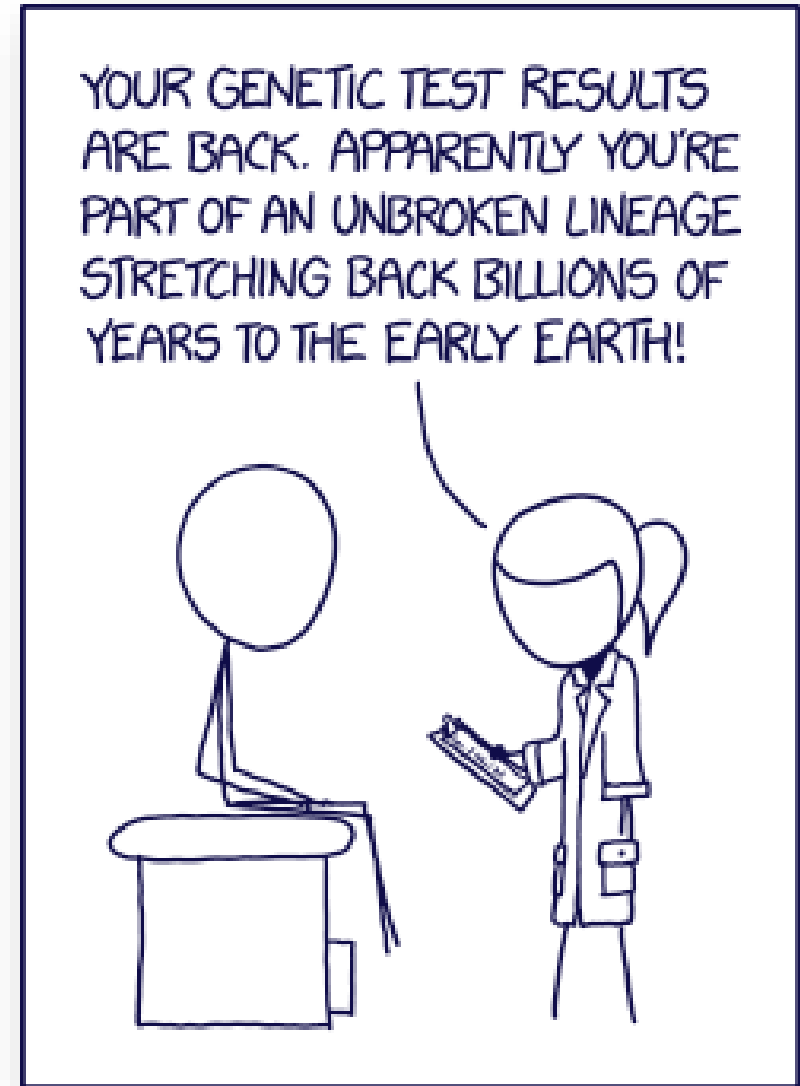
- Little variability among demographic groups
- Most important incentive for participation:
learning about one's health information

Kaufman DJ, Baker R, Milner LC, Devaney S, Hudson KL (2016):
A Survey of U.S. Adults' Opinions about Conduct of a Nationwide Precision Medicine Initiative
Cohort Study of Genes and Environment.
PLOS ONE 11(8): e0160461. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0160461



Balancing Paternalism with Autonomy

- What information should participants receive? What information do participants have a right to receive?
- What are the potential benefits and harms to the receipt of that information?
- Are there means of mitigating negative outcomes resulting from the return of information?
- Where is the apposite limen between research and clinical care?
- Is there an obligation to provide participants with a choice to receive some or all of the information?





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Return of Genetic Results in the *All of Us* Research Program

Workshop
March 6-7, 2017



WORKSHOP GOALS:

- Assess the state-of-the-field for the return of genomic information.
- Establish guidelines for return of genetic results considering the distinctive features and core principles of the *All of Us* Research Program.

Key Insights

- Ask participants if they want data about themselves, and how they want it
- Develop multiple means of communication
- Challenges of the digital divide and low literacy/health literacy
- Start small, test, and then build
- Be realistic and clearly communicate with participants
- Build upon best practices



National Academies Report

- Support decision making regarding the return of results on a study-by-study basis
- Promote high-quality individual research results
- Foster participant understanding of individual research results
- Revise and harmonize current regulations



All of Us ELSI Priorities: The Four Buckets

Policy Implications



Value to Stakeholders



Research Practice



Convenings Support



The *All of Us* Approach to Return of Results

- Opportunities for participant education will be provided to promote informed decision making.
- Participants must opt in to receive information carrying more than minimal risk.
- Medically actionable pathological genetic variant positivity will be returned in a way to maximize participant safety and understanding.
- Support services will be available to anyone, regardless of results.



Return of Information

● Individual and Comparative Information

- Survey data
- EHR data, claims data
- Assays, including genomics

● Study Results

- Aggregated results
- Scientific findings

● Program and Research Information

- Ongoing study updates
- Opportunities to be contacted for other research opportunities





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A Platform for Biomedical
Discovery and
Data-Powered Health

Strategic Plan 2017-2027



All of Us + NLM

Goals of the
NLM
Strategic
Plan 2017-
2027



**Accelerate
discovery and
advance health
through data-
driven
research**



**Reach more
people in more
ways through
enhanced
dissemination
and
engagement**



**Build a
workforce
for data-driven
research and
health**

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**Community
Education**

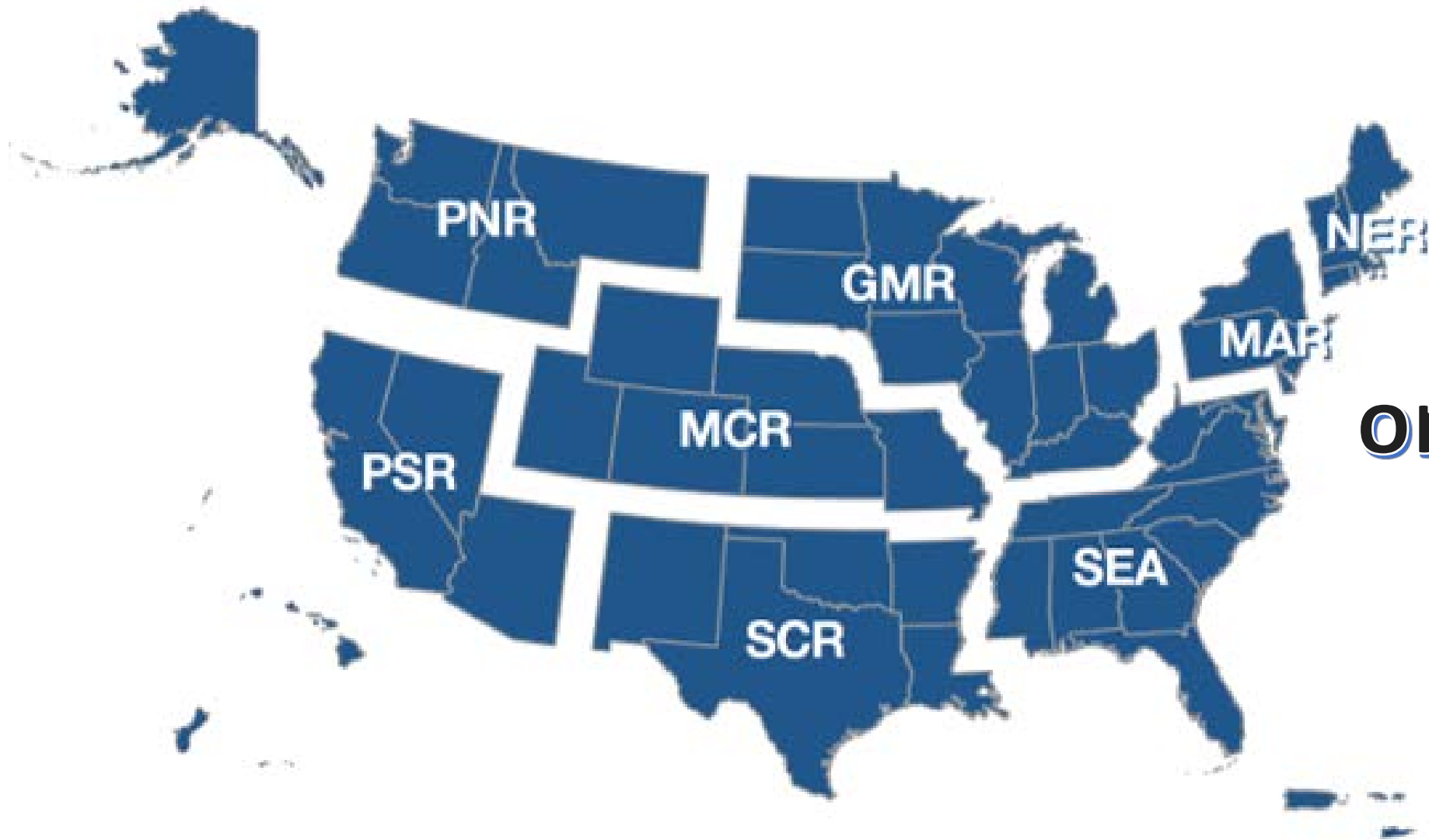


**Community
Engagement**



**AoU Learning
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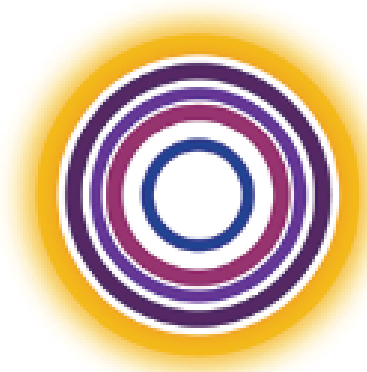
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7100+
organizational
members



- *training
- *funding
- *community partnerships



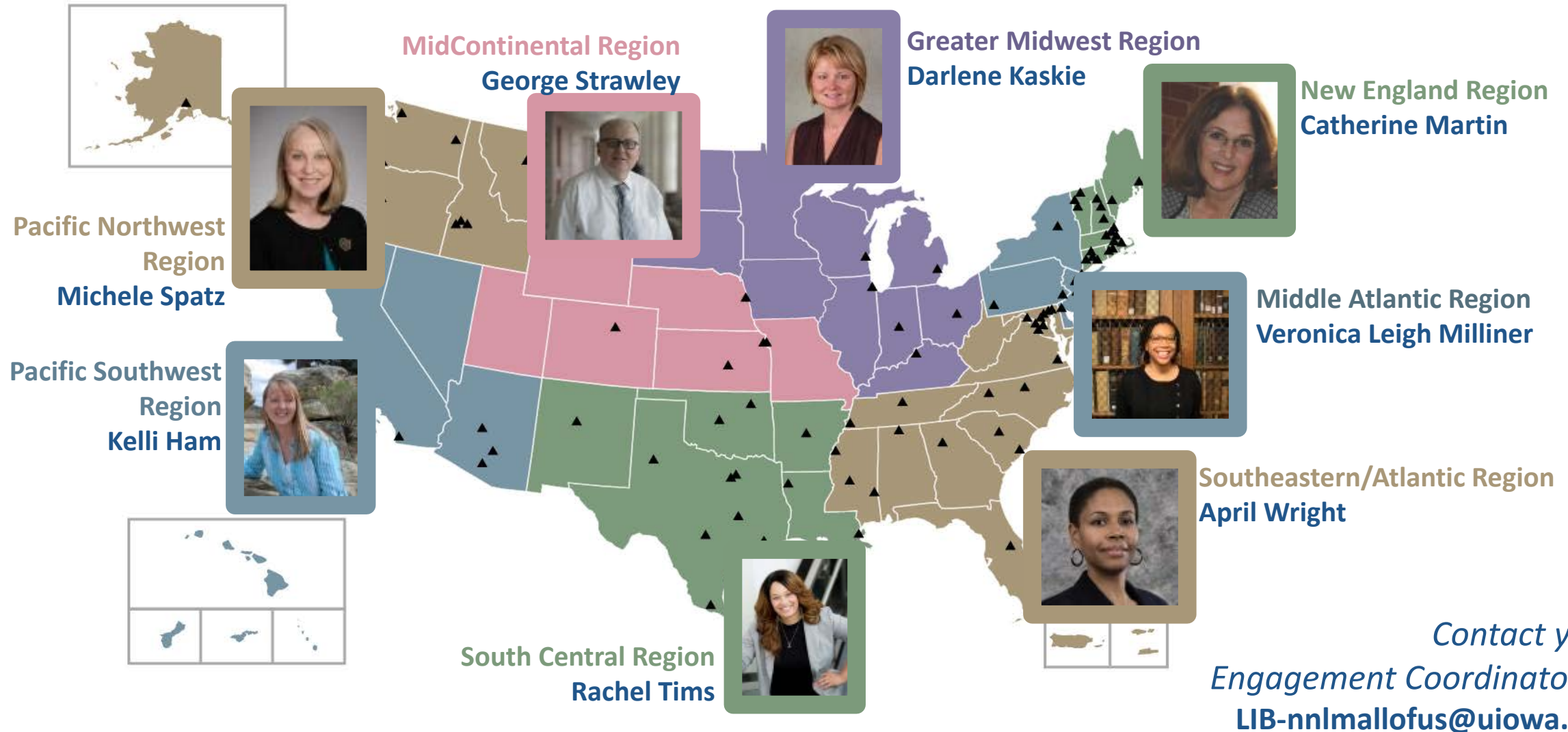
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NNLM *All of Us* Training and Education Center



AoU Learning Platform

The screenshot displays the All of Us Learning Platform interface. The top navigation bar includes the 'All of Us' logo, 'Course Descriptions', and a language dropdown set to 'English - US (en_us)'. A user profile for 'Amos Glenn Student' is visible in the top right. The left sidebar contains a menu with options: 'All of Us Consortium Member Training', 'Participants', 'Badges', 'Grades', 'About the Training', 'Part 1' (selected), 'Part 2', 'Part 3', 'Part 4', 'Certificate', 'Dashboard', 'Site home', 'Calendar', 'Private files', 'My courses', and 'Site administration'. The main content area is titled '2019 NIH-AoU Annual Consortium Member Training' and includes a breadcrumb trail: 'Dashboard / My courses / All of Us Consortium Member Training / Part 1 / Consortium Training — Part 1'. An 'Exit activity' button is in the top right of the main area. The central content area shows 'Part 1 - Introduction to the All of Research Program' with a 'Resources | Toggle Full Screen' link. The main title is 'Consortium Training', and the subtitle is 'Part 1: Introduction to the All of Us Research Program'. A large blue 'START' button is prominently displayed. To the right of the button is a grid of nine participant photos. At the bottom left of the main area is the NIH logo and the text 'NIH Office of the Director (OD) National Network of Libraries of Medicine'. A search bar and a volume icon are located at the bottom of the interface.

Community Engagement through NNLM + *All of Us*

EDUCATION TOPICS

All of Us Training
Digital Literacy
Evaluating Health Information
Genetics
Health Literacy
Health Numeracy
Researcher Ethics
Return of Genomic Results

ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Book Mobiles/Book Bikes
Citizen Science Projects
Community Conversations
Health/Science Fairs
Health and Wellness
Programming
Online Games
Summer Reading



NNLM + *All of Us*: Community Engagement Examples



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