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UA-Banner All of Us Research Program Newsletter

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) recently visited the UA-Banner team for a site readiness inspection for the *All of Us* Research Program (AOU) and we are excited to announce the launch of our Alpha and Beta phase, commencing in a few weeks. ***For those who registered on our pre-interest [site](#), you may be contacted to be some of the first in the nation to contribute towards this landmark initiative.***

Sign up for NIH PMI
program updates [here](#)

National News:

EMSI to Support Sample Collection for the National Institutes of Health's All of Us Research Program

EMSI, a medical information service provider mobilizing networks of technology-enabled health professionals and trained phlebotomists, will engage thousands of direct volunteers in their homes for the ambitious *All of Us* Research Program, a historic medical research effort led by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Full story [here](#).

NIH to Bring Precision Medicine Data Collection to Patient Homes

Thousands of volunteers for the All of Us precision medicine cohort won't even have to leave the comfort of their living rooms when contributing data to the project thanks to a new NIH [collaboration](#) with mobile medical service EMSI. Full story [here](#).

ONC Reiterates Healthcare Data Privacy, Security Need in PMI

The Precision Medicine Initiative (PMI) is a federal research program that hopes to improve how disease is treated, but there are still healthcare data privacy and security concerns. However, [ONC explained in a recent blog post](#) that keeping data secure through PMI remains a top priority. Full story [here](#).

NIH "All of Us" Research Program Director Eric Dishman to Kick Off Inaugural 2017 HIMSS Precision Medicine Summit

HIMSS, producers of the Precision Medicine Summit, announced on 19 April that Eric Dishman, director of the National Institutes of Health's "All of Us" Research Program, will deliver the opening keynote address, "Accelerating Precision Medicine for Everyone: The NIH's "All of Us" Research Program" at the Summit on Monday, June 12, 2017. Full story [here](#).

Wristband sensors will track 10,000 Americans for years to study diseases

Diseases like cancer and heart disease don't develop overnight, and scientists understand little about someone's progress from health to disease. But a new study aims to shed light on the age-old mystery. Full story [here](#).

**Emily Dolezal, UA-Banner AOU
Clinical Research Manager,
discusses the participant process
at a dress rehearsal for the NIH Site
Readiness Inspection on April 13th.
The site readiness inspection for
the UA-Banner AOU team was held
April 24th and 25th.**



UA-BANNER Updates:

University of Arizona health sciences leader hopes to 'build template for entire country'

Her brand may not be crisis, but the new head of the University of Arizona's two medical schools is developing a track record for taking the helm during turmoil. Dr. Leigh Neumayer became interim vice president of health sciences — one of the university's most powerful and high-profile positions — on Jan. 1. Full story [here](#).

Sign up for UA-Banner *All of Us* program updates [here](#)

Upcoming Events

- **May 25-26:** UA-Banner Regional American Indian & Alaska Native Conference – The UA-Banner AOU team hopes to engage the AI/AN community about the All of Us Research Program in a regional conference to be held at the Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino.

Program Launch Preparation

- Alpha Phase – We anticipate to have our initial soft launch phase start around the middle of June and expect it to last about two weeks. The purpose of this phase will be to test systems and processes with real participants with some limited data on the participant experience during the Alpha Phase.
- Beta Phase – The second phase of the soft launch is anticipated to start around the first week of July and is expected to last about eight weeks. The purpose of this phase will be to assess broader local/national system issues and begin employing and testing strategies for enrolling diverse populations.

Your participation is encouraged

Do you have photos of an event related to *All of Us* or PMI? Please feel free to pass along photos of events related to *All of Us* and PMI as we would like to include them in this newsletter as well as social media. If possible, include the Five W's and we will give you media credit for submitting. Please submit your photos and the related information to [Barry Edwards](#).

Coordinators Corner

The Clinical Research Coordinator (CRC) is a research specialist working with and under the direction of Principal Investigators (PI). The coordination between the PI and CRC is essential, as well as vital, to the conduct of the study. Each month, we will highlight one of our coordinators for the UA-Banner *All of Us* Research Program so that you may become familiar with them and learn a little more about what motivates their involvement with *All of Us*. Currently, we have 17 Coordinators with the anticipation of more being added to the team as we progress with the program.



This month's Coordinator in the spotlight is **Deborah Sakiestewa** from Shiprock, New Mexico and she belongs to the Dineh and Hopi tribes of Arizona. When not at the office, she enjoys attending Pow Wow socials, cooking traditional tribal foods, and as a personal healing therapy, she creates beadwork art.

Why did she join the *All of Us* team as a coordinator? Deborah became interested in the *All of Us* program due to the approach towards large diverse populations of the Southwest and Native Nations. It is her desire to bridge the gap of understanding for what Precision Medicine will accomplish for all the diverse cultures.

What is she most excited about for the *All of Us* PMI? Deborah sees the size of the study as all-encompassing and this would greatly benefit a multitude of Native Nations. The program will look into individual genetics across a diverse population and it will provide the People of all Native Nations the opportunity to come together to find cures for disease. This opportunity also allows Deborah to continue her pursuit of helping Nations in advancing her knowledge by enrolling in genetic counseling courses.

Welcome New Team Members

Rene Covarrubias was born in Tucson, but lived in Nogales until moving to the University of Arizona to pursue a career in medicine. He has worked in patient care for two years and has seen diseases devastate individuals and their family. He joined the *All of Us* Research Program because he believes this program will change medicine and aid researchers in finding cures for diseases. Rene is excited for the size and extensiveness of the program and hopes to someday become a physician to continue helping people in the Tucson community.

Hailey Davenport joined the *All of Us* Research Program in April. Upon completing a degree in Biomedical Engineering from the UofA in 2016, she decided to stray from engineering and begin a career in a clinical setting. After working in a biological research laboratory as an Engineer for over two years she wanted to experience research that involved human subjects. Diagnosed as a Type 1 diabetic at 14 sparked the interest in medical research, especially research in diseases with no cures and unknown causes. She was drawn to *All of Us* with the hope of targeting a wide range of diseases and medical ailments.

Gabe Rice, MS, grew up in Flagstaff Arizona and graduated from Northern Arizona University with a bachelor degree in Psychology and minors in Spanish and Chemistry. He then attended Tulane University in New Orleans where he earned his Neuroscience graduate degree. Gabe has extensive experience working in basic science labs where he worked on Alzheimer's disease and pediatric neurogenetic diseases. While working as a lab tech he co-authored nine peer reviewed articles. He is fluent in Spanish and is looking forward to working with participants as a clinical research coordinator in the *All of Us* program.