
The “All of Us” Research Program

TO THE EDITOR: Denny and colleagues (Aug. 15 issue)¹ describe the progress of the All of Us Research Program. In Scotland, which has a population of 5.43 million, a patient registry² is achieving some of the advantages envisaged by All of Us. The Scottish Health Research Register (SHARE) began accessing data from electronic health records (EHRs) in 2011 and obtaining genomic data (from “leftover” blood samples) in 2013; it now includes data on 270,604 persons who are 11 years of age or older (as of August 2019) and has collected 97,642 blood samples. The means of recruitment include the SHARE website,³ awareness raising through printed ma-

terials, social media, and radio, and face-to-face contact between paid recruiters and patients in hospitals and clinics. Persons attending health-related events such as the opening of new facilities, conferences, science fairs, open houses, and sports events are also recruited.

Participants agree to be contacted by SHARE to discuss participation in studies for which they meet inclusion criteria as described on the SHARE website. Researchers are then provided with contact details for potential study participants. So far, SHARE has supported 102 studies, including surveys, genetic linkage studies, and trials.

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