

Tulane Participates in 'All of Us' - Local Study Seeks Your DNA

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Tulane Medicine is playing a key role in a groundbreaking nationwide research effort called the All of Us study, led by the National Institutes of Health. The goal is to gather genetic, lifestyle, and health data from over one million people to advance precision medicine—customizing treatments to individual patients based on their DNA and environment.

Dr. Vivian Fonseca, Chief of Endocrinology and Assistant Dean for Clinical Research at Tulane, is leading Tulane's participation and was the first at the university to enroll. A mobile recruitment unit is helping bring the study into the community, where participants complete a survey, provide vitals and samples, and securely contribute their electronic health records and DNA.

Dr. Fonseca emphasizes, "This has the potential to change medicine," particularly in the way we treat diseases through personalized care.

Both Tulane and LSU Health are enrolling participants, and individuals who sign up will receive a \$25 voucher for their time.

[Read the full article](#) or watch the video above to learn how you can help shape the future of medicine.

Interested in joining? Call Tulane at 504-988-0650 or visit joinallofus.org.

Instead of giving everybody the same medicine, we give the right medicine to the right person

Dr. Vivian Fonseca, Chief of Endocrinology at Tulane School of Medicine