# The Dish | Why Diversity in Health Research Is Important

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## Title Slide

The All of Us Research Program logo appears in the top left corner, followed by the video title, “Why Diversity in Health Research Is Important | The Dish (2019).” The All of Us Research Program logo is repeated in the middle of the screen, followed by JoinAllofUs.org at the bottom of the screen.

This is superimposed over a scene of All of Us Chief Engagement Officer Dara Richardson-Heron and Patricia Lattimore, CEO, Delta Research and Educational Foundation seated at a round table. A tablet computer sits vertically in a small stand in front of Dr. Richardson-Heron.

## Scene Change

Dr. Richardson-Heron is seated across the table from Stephen O. Sodeke, Tuskegee University.

## Dara Richardson-Heron:

In your words, can you just explain why you think it’s important for, particularly, those who are historically underrepresented or have never been asked to participate, why is it important for them to really consider, you know, becoming involved in a program such as ours?

Banner: Dara Richardson-Heron, M.D., Chief Engagement Officer, All of Us Research Program, National Institutes of Health.

## Stephen O. Sodeke:

There are a lot of things that are known, but not about us, unfortunately, because we have not been out there getting involved, trying to participate. And so whatever data are being gathered, in my view, I think would be incomplete if we intend for those kinds of data to be used to assist us in improving our health.

Banner: Stephen O. Sodeke, Ph.D., M.A., Bioethicist and Professor of Bioethics, Tuskegee University.

## Scene change

Dr. Richardson-Heron is seated across the table from Mahri Bahati, Stanford University School of Medicine.

## Mahri Bahati:

I think our community wants to be a part of these medical breakthroughs that are going to come through.

Banner: Mahri Bahati, M.P.H., LGBTQ Engagement Specialist, Stanford University School of Medicine, PRIDEnet.

## Dr. Richardson-Heron:

That’s right.

## Ms. Bahati:

And they understand that you can’t get treatments that work for us unless we’re part of it.

## Dr. Richardson-Heron:

That’s right.

## Ms. Bahati:

And that’s what I always say to people is that, you know, if we want to be a part, we can’t say that people don’t know enough about LGBTQ health, or you can’t get your questions answered when you go to the doctor if you’re not going to be a part of changing that.

## Scene change

Dr. Richardson-Heron is seated across the table from Eboni Winford, Cherokee Health Systems.

## Dr. Richardson-Heron:

How are you sharing with them the importance of participation and research, particularly by diverse communities?

Banner: Eboni Winford, Ph.D., Behavioral Health Consultant, Cherokee Health Systems.

## Eboni Winford:

So we share with them that they get to be a partner with us, right? So if they decide to participate, then they will be a partner in research, meaning their voice will matter. They can provide feedback. There are so many different ways for them to give feedback to make sure that this program is reflecting who they are. So we emphasize the partnership.

## Scene change

Dr. Richardson-Heron is seated across the table from Patricia Lattimore.

## Dr. Richardson-Heron:

You know, just on a personal note, why do you believe in the *All of Us* Research Program?

Banner: Patricia Lattimore, CEO, DELTA Research and Educational Foundation.

## Patricia Lattimore:

I believe in the program because there are things that I’ve observed in my family’s health that I think had we known more about it, it would not have been as traumatic a health tragedy. And I also would like to live as long as I possibly can.

## Dr. Richardson-Heron:

*[Laughter]* Absolutely.

## Ms. Lattimore:

And see my grandson grow up and do all the other wonderful things. So if I can engage in research and medicine that allows me to have longevity, it means that he and the rest of my family have a chance at longevity—healthy longevity as well.

## Closing slide

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