



**PRIDENet**

CATALYZING LGBTQ HEALTH RESEARCH



## Birthday reflections — we've come a long way!

**Happy birthday to The PRIDE Study!** On May 2, we celebrated two years since the launch of the second and current phase of our critical health research, and we couldn't be more full of PRIDE (and cake!). But did you

know that before the current iteration of our study launched in 2017 as a web-based research study accessible from any computer, tablet, or smartphone, we had an iPhone app with almost 19,000 participants?

In a new [PLOS One article published on our birthday](#), our team discusses the technology development process of using the iPhone app to recruit LGBTQ people to participate in the pilot phase of The PRIDE Study, which ran from June 2015 until May 2017. On May 2, 2017, we retired the app and released our web-based digital research platform at [pridestudy.org](http://pridestudy.org) that is used by current participants of the study today.



## All of YOU are the heart of ALL OF US

It's been one year since the All of Us Research Program launched nationwide, seeking to improve health for generations to come by building one of the largest, most diverse health databases of its kind.

**In just one year, 195,085 participants have enrolled** – with 80% belonging to communities that have traditionally been underrepresented in medical research. Why is that important? Our genes, lifestyle, and environment can reveal insights about our health that may help speed up medical breakthroughs... after all, it's our differences that make all the difference! Whether you're a participant or a follower of the All of Us community, we thank you for being a part of our efforts to change the future of health.

To learn more about the All of Us Research Program, please visit [joinallofus.org/lgbtq](http://joinallofus.org/lgbtq).



## Our Truths in Harmony: Find us at DC Black Pride 2019!

PRIDENet is headed to our nation's capital later this month for our first appearance at [DC Black Pride!](#)

Nearly 30 years ago, a group of Black men saw an urgent need to rally the LGBTQ community around combatting the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Washington. With a concise mission to educate their community, DC Black Pride became the catalyst for what is now referred to as the Black Pride Movement. It's truly an honor to welcome the Center for Black Equity, which organizes DC Black Pride every year, as a brand new [PRIDENet Community Partner](#).

As Pride festivities begin to kick into high gear, our team can't wait to travel around the country talking to folks about The PRIDE Study, *All of Us* Research Program, and the importance of LGBTQ representation in health research. If you'll be in DC over Memorial Day weekend, or in Charleston, SC for the [7th Annual Saving Ourselves Symposium](#) held May 29 – June 2, please find us and say hello!

PS - Did you know that it's only been 29 years since the World Health Organization (WHO) removed 'homosexuality' from its list of mental disorders? Sad, but true: it wasn't until May 17, 1990 that WHO removed the classification linking homosexuality to psychopathology. This month's [LGBTQ Health History Spotlight](#) illustrates precisely [why representation in health research is so important](#) – LGBTQ people continue to face unique health disparities today that stem from discrimination, stigma, and a lack of information about how our identities affect our well-being. Thank you for your support of our work to close the information gap!

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