

Summary of Health Consumer Organisations supported by Medicines Australia Member Companies

For the period: 2020

Company: Bristol-Myers Squibb Australia Pty Ltd.

Name of Health Consumer Organisation	Description of and/or purpose of support	Nature of support (monetary value or equivalent) or description of non-financial support
Australian Crohn's and Colitis Association	<p>The Australian Crohn's and Colitis Association (ACCA) is a charity whose primary purpose is to provide support services, advice and encouragement to people suffering from inflammatory bowel disease. It aims at raising awareness of Crohn's and colitis and promoting gut health within the community.</p> <p>In 2020, BMS supported the production of the organisation's Inflammatory Bowel Disease Research videos, aiming at providing members with the opportunity to hear new research findings directly from the researchers.</p>	Total Support: \$20,000
Australian Patients Association	<p>The Australian Patients Association is an independent not-for-profit organisation established to promote and protect the rights and interests of patients, and improve overall patient outcomes. They address important health issues impacting on patient care in the public and private healthcare system. They are also actively involved in educating patients about their rights and choices, as well as supporting patients in need.</p> <p>The financial donation provided by BMS was to support the organisation's overall mission and objectives for the year.</p>	Total Support: \$5,000
Beyond Five	<p>Beyond Five's mission is to improve the quality of life for head &amp; neck cancer patients, their families and carers, through education, awareness and access to support.</p> <p>In 2020, BMS supported the organisation's activities for the year which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- running of the World Head and Neck Cancer Day 2020,</li> <li>- development of an app to cater for digital needs of Head &amp; Neck cancer patients,</li> <li>- maintaining online content, printing of educational materials,</li> <li>- organising industry events &amp; fund raising events, and</li> <li>- participating in the State of the Nation Head &amp; Neck Cancer report compilation.</li> </ul>	Total Support: \$20,000
Global Healthy Living Australia	<p>Global Healthy Living Australia (GHLA) is a non-profit organization with the mission to improve the quality of life for people living with chronic illness.</p> <p>BMS supported the following activities in 2020:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) the organisation's overall activities of educating and creating awareness through social media and related framework about the importance of early diagnosis for patients suffering of chronic pain such as arthritis, osteoporosis, diabetes, and psoriasis. Amount donated was \$15,000.</li> <li>2) the advocacy and research activities related to people living with chronic illness and COVID-19 impact, with the aim of developing patient education programme and providing support to those targeted patients during the COVID-19 period. Amount donated was \$15,000.</li> </ol>	Total Support: \$30,000
Hearts4Heart	<p>Hearts4Heart aims to raise awareness of heart disease and give patients equal access to advice, support, education and treatment.</p> <p>BMS supported the organisation's Atrial Fibrillation (AF) Awareness Week on 21-27 of September 2020. The purpose of the event is to continue the education for the general public on heart health and to encourage people to get their heart checked.</p>	Total Support: \$25,000
Leukaemia Foundation	<p>The Leukaemia Foundation funds research and provides free services to support people with leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma and related blood disorders and their families.</p> <p>BMS sponsored the organisation virtual patient conference in 2020. The purpose of the conference is to educate patients on a range of topics including Disease information, Living well and survivorship, Research and advocacy, and Navigating the health system.</p>	Total Support: \$25,000
Lung Foundation Australia	<p>Lung Foundation Australia is a charity working to improve lung health and reduce the impact of lung disease for all Australians. Its main activities are promoting lung health and early diagnosis, advocating for policy change and research investment, raising awareness about the symptoms and disease, and championing equitable access to treatment and care.</p> <p>In 2020, BMS supporting the following projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) the organisation's Patient Education Webinar series, aiming at providing scientific updates and facilitating discussion on Lung Cancer. Amount for this support was \$10,000.</li> <li>2) the organisation's overall mission and objectives through a donation of \$15,000</li> <li>3) the ALTG Cancer Preceptorship and ATLG consumer workshop; two main organisation's events for 2020. Amount for this support was \$40,000.</li> </ol>	Total Support: \$65,000
Lymphoma Australia	<p>Lymphoma Australia is a not-for-profit organisation that supports Australians touched by lymphoma. It also raises awareness of lymphoma and supports research for a cure.</p> <p>In 2020, BMS supported financially the following projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) improving the quality and accessibility of information to people with lymphoma by hosting Patient Webinars and providing educational resources including hard copy booklets and fact sheets for hospitals and patients. Amount funded was \$25,000.</li> <li>2) the organisation's digital related projects including a new data driven website, online support groups, Facebook lives and online educational sessions for patients and healthcare professionals. Amount provided was \$40,000.</li> </ol>	Total Support: \$65,000

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Melanoma & Skin Cancer Advocacy Network	<p>The Melanoma &amp; Skin Cancer Advocacy Network (MSCAN) is a charity whose purpose is to listen to, represent and inform the melanoma and skin cancer community with a focus on innovation in care &amp; research, advocacy &amp; policy, and resources &amp; information.</p> <p>In 2020, BMS provided support for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) the development of patient support materials including update of its website and the Adjuvant Decision Tree, which includes treatment options that are available to Australian patients. Amount provided was \$15,000.</li> <li>2) the organisation's overall mission and objectives aiming at representing and informing the melanoma/skin cancer community. Amount donated was \$10,000.</li> </ol>	Total Support: \$25,000
Melanoma Patients Australia	<p>The Melanoma Patients Association (MPA) is an independent, not for profit organisation dedicated to supporting and representing those affected by melanoma. Their vision is to reduce the impact of melanoma on all Australians by providing a range of comprehensive support services to patients affected by melanoma including emotional support, information and connections.</p> <p>BMS provided the following support in 2020:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) a \$5,000 donation in support of the organisation's overall mission and objectives for the year</li> <li>2) \$25,000 in support of the organisation's Patient Information Webinars, Health Professional Patient Resources and the Website &amp; Digital Infrastructure Improvements</li> </ol>	Total Support: \$30,000
Patient Voice Initiative	<p>The Patient Voice Initiative is a collaboration between patients, researchers and industry working towards improving the patient voice in the Australian health system.</p> <p>BMS supported the 2020 organisation's activities consisting of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- improvement of the Consumer Online Toolkit</li> <li>- SPEAKERS program (Supporting Patient Engagement and Knowledge through Efficient Resource Search)</li> <li>- undertaking direct outreach to patient and carer groups to raise awareness of online resources &amp; social media shareables</li> <li>- providing training to patients/consumers on the reimbursement decision-making in Australia</li> <li>- promoting Consumer Conversations programme by providing opportunities for dialogues led by patient advocates</li> </ul>	Total Support: \$12,000
Rare Cancers Australia	<p>Rare Cancers Australia (RCA) is a charity whose purpose is to improve awareness, support and treatment of Australians with rare and less common cancers. They do this through advocacy, awareness, community and financial support.</p> <p>In 2020, BMS supported the following activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) the organisation's Pinnacle program, which includes updates to the Pinnacle - Asia website for Australian patient groups, individual mentoring for those patients wishing to engage in one-to-one sessions, workshops in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane. BMS provided \$20,000 for this project.</li> <li>2) the Mount Kosi Challenge 2020, which an annual fund raising event hosted by RCA. A number of BMS employees participated in the event, and the company support was towards the registration and cocktail reception for the participants. Value of BMS support was \$5,125.</li> </ol>	Total Support: \$25,125
The Aftershock Group Ltd	<p>The Aftershock is a not-for-profit organisation raising funds and awareness for high mortality rate cancers.</p> <p>BMS supported the creation of the organisation's Series 1 Podcasts, which were based on discussions with people that have experienced the effect of a cancer diagnosis, those that have lost loved ones and also those with experience of surviving the disease.</p>	Total Support: \$10,000