

Summary of Health Consumer Organisations supported by Medicines Australia Member Companies

For the period: 2017

Company: Bristol-Myers Squibb

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
Carers Couch	<p>Carers Couch, is an online community providing information, education, advice and assistance for Carers. The organisation aspires to bring together in one place relevant information for carers anywhere in Australia, including rural areas and aboriginal communities. Through acknowledgement, education and awareness Carers Couch continues to normalize and validate the carers experience and its impact on physical and mental health. Carers Couch is there to assist with the unique needs that can come with caring for a loved one diagnosed with cancer.</p> <p>In 2017, Bristol-Myers Squibb provided funding to support the organisation in their patient, carers and health professional education days, the development of online education material and forum, the development of a Peer Support Program for Carers in conjunction with the Peter MacCallum Cancer Center and a research based program to explore the experiences and psychological priorities of young lung cancer patients and their carers. The value of this support was \$45,000</p>	Total Support: \$45,000
Hearts4Heart	<p>Hearts4Heart aims to raise awareness of heart disease and give patients equal access to advice, support, education and treatment. In 2017, Bristol-Myers Squibb contributed towards the organisation's disease awareness and screening activities including the development of a white paper detailing the economic and societal costs of atrial fibrillation in Australia with the aim of improving early diagnosis. As part of the disease awareness and screening program run by Hearts4Hearts, the BMS supported the efforts by the organisation in promoting Atrial Fibrillation Awareness Week. Support for these activities valued \$55,000.</p>	Total Support: \$55,000
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. In 2017, Bristol-Myers Squibb provided funding to support the organisation in their patient, carers and health professional education days, the development of online education material and webinars. The funds were also used for the a Nurse Hotline to help patients and carers understand all aspects of the Lymphoma journey. The value of this support was \$50,000</p>	Total Support: \$50,000
Melanoma Patients Australia	<p>Melanoma Patients Australia is a patient driven organisation dedicated to meeting the needs of melanoma patients and their communities through a national network of support, information, advocacy and awareness programs. In 2017, Bristol-Myers Squibb provided the following support:</p> <p>(1) Support for the organisation's educational and advocacy programs. The initiative includes these initiatives includes Patient Information Forums, Interactive Patient Education Resource, Patient Reflection videos, and a training program for the organization's volunteers. The value of this support was \$80,000</p> <p>(2) Support for the Organisation to have members of their organisation attend the Australian Melanoma Consumer Alliance (AMCA) meeting coinciding with the 9th World Congress of Melanoma in October 2017. The organization was in full control of the selection of the individuals. BMS will have no input to the selection process. The Value of this support was \$4,200.</p>	Total Support: \$84,200

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National Stroke Foundation	<p>The Stroke Foundation is dedicated in creating two-way conversations with the community, health professionals and governments to advocate for better health outcomes for all Australians affected by stroke. They ensure people understand how stroke can be prevented and work to ensure all people who have strokes are treated on specialised stroke units and discharged from hospital with appropriate care plans and support. In 2017 BMS provided the following support:</p> <p>(1) A donation of \$10,000 to help the Stroke Foundation implement a Mobile Stroke Unit to provide a rapid response ambulance for stroke patients. The ambulance would be able to deliver high quality and expert stroke care to the patient, to increase their chances of survival and long-term health outcomes.</p> <p>(2) Support for the organisation's educational program. The initiative includes an update of the patient education material (Transient Ischaemic Attack Pack) and the printing and nation-wide distribution of the material. The value of this support was \$30,129</p>	Total Support: \$40,129
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. In 2017 BMS provided the following support:</p> <p>(1) Grant to the value of \$20,000 to support their staging of the Canberra Forum. The Forum was a one-day event held in Canberra involving speakers from inside and outside the cancer community discussing the major issues of concern around cancer treatment; including the need for improved access and funding for clinical trials, improved access to aggregated health data and faster access to medicines for rare cancer patients in Australia.</p> <p>(2) Grant to the value of \$20,000 to develop a report detailing research/issues that draws on the organisation's experience in dealing with patients, clinicians and government to highlight the barriers within the current regulatory framework to providing access to treatment.</p> <p>(3) Grant to the value of \$15,000 for 3 Boardroom Dinners at Parliament House bringing together Members of Parliament and Senators to explore and understand issues such as Genomics, Clinical Trial Developments and Challenges for Rare Cancers.</p> <p>(4) A grant of \$20,000 to support the development of an "App" that will allow cancer patients to access a range of "Decks" of questions that the cancer patient may wish to ask their clinician.</p> <p>(5) A grant to the value of \$10,000 to support their educational events and disease awareness Campaign titled "Sick or Treat" including a telephone support service and a web facility providing clinically better information on over 200 rare cancers.</p>	Total Support: \$85,000