

Summary of Health Consumer Organisations supported by Medicines Australia Member Companies

For the period: 2018

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
CanTeen	<p>CanTeen is an organisation that aims to optimise the health and wellbeing of young people living with cancer. Through CanTeen, young people living with cancer learn to explore and deal with their feelings about cancer, connect with other young people going through the same experiences, and where relevant, provide specialist, youth-specific treatment teams.</p> <p>In 2018, BMS provided a \$5,000 sponsorship towards the 3rd Global Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Cancer Congress that supports the organisation's patient education and advocacy program. The Congress had around 400 delegates designed to develop and strengthen vital partnerships to advance global research in the diagnosis, treatment and support of young cancer patients.</p>	Total Support: \$5,000
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. In 2018 BMS provided \$25,000 to enable GHLA to develop and operationalise activities that have been designed to address unmet needs of the Australian patient community. These activities included the engagement of a National Patient Council, the implementation of a patient educational and editorial calendar, including blogs that provide positive first-hand patient perspectives, the development of a monthly e-Newsletter and advocacy programs involving workshops on dealing with TGA and PBAC.</p>	Total Support: \$25,000
Hearts4Heart	<p>Hearts4Heart aims to raise awareness of heart disease and give patients equal access to advice, support, education and treatment. In 2018, Bristol-Myers Squibb contributed towards the organisation's disease awareness and screening activities including the development of a white paper detailing the need for government funding for Atrial Fibrillation screening. 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 \$75,000.</p>	Total Support: \$75,000
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 2018, 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 value of this support was \$30,000</p>	Total Support: \$30,000
Melanoma Patients Australia	<p>Melanoma Patients Australia (MPA) 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 2018, Bristol-Myers Squibb provided the following support:</p> <p>(1) Support for the MPA's Patient Information Forums. The forums include presentations from key opinion leaders including leading clinicians, researchers and professionals to address the treatment paths for patients and the psychosocial elements of a melanoma diagnosis. The value of this support was \$15,000</p> <p>(2) Support for the MPA's Patient and Stakeholder Data Management Project. This allows the MPA to invest in a new data management platform, to transfer all existing data sources into the new system and improve and enhance the targeting of vital information ensuring that we can communicate the right information to the right people at the right time. The Value of this support was \$20,000.</p> <p>(3) Support for the MPA's Advocacy and Medical Education Support. This includes the generation of a small Advisory group to provide advice and consumer feedback on a range of issues important to those affected with melanoma. It also allows the MPA to seek expressions of interest from a wide group of consumers affected with melanoma. The Value of this support was \$20,000.</p> <p>(4) Support for the development of the MPA Website. The Value of this support was \$5,000.</p> <p>(5) A donation of \$5,000 was provided to the MPA to support the organisation's continued endeavours to reduce the burden of melanoma on all Australians.</p> <p>(6) A grant of \$3,000 for four members of MPA to attend a Skin Check event held at Parliament house in June 2018.</p> <p>Total support for 2018 was \$68,000</p>	Total Support: \$68,000
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. In 2018 BMS provided the following support:</p> <p>(1) Grant to the value of \$50,000 to support their staging of the Canberra Forum, preparation of a 'report card' detailing the progress to parity for rare cancer patients, the redesign of the RCA website taking advantage of new technologies including "Chat bots". With respect to the Forum, it 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>	Total Support: \$50,000
Ronald McDonald House Charities	<p>Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) is an independent charity that helps families of seriously ill children. They help keep families together and close to the care their child needs. The cornerstone program of RMHC, the Ronald McDonald House®, provides a 'home away from home' for families of seriously ill children being treated at nearby hospitals.</p> <p>(1) A donation of \$600 was provided to RMHC and BMS employees participated in a working bee across two sites (Monash and Adelaide) for one day.</p>	Total Support: \$600