

Summary of Health Consumer Organisations supported by Medicines Australia Member Companies

Company name:

Amgen Australia

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Name of Health Consumer Organisation	Description of and/or purpose of the support	Nature of support - monetary value or description of non-financial support
Patient Voice Initiative	<p>The Patient Voice Initiative (PVI) is a collaboration between patients, health consumers, researchers and industry working towards improving the patient voice in the Australian healthcare ecosystem.</p> <p>This sponsorship enabled PVI to be involved in the Health Technology Assessment international (HTAi) Annual Meeting by covering expenses associated with meeting registration, accommodation, and travel. The sponsorship also supported three satellite meetings that focused on discussing ways Australia can improve consumer engagement in HTA.</p>	\$8,000
Patient Voice Initiative	<p>The Patient Voice Initiative (PVI) is a collaboration between patients, health consumers, researchers and industry working towards improving the patient voice in the Australian healthcare ecosystem.</p> <p>This sponsorship supported a range of activities designed to help equip patient communities to be seen, heard and valued in the HTA process. These included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resources to connect health consumers and HCOs based on their needs and behaviours. • Website rebuild and enhancement of online content for partner communities. • Training and support for new and less experienced HCOs. • Webinars, podcasts and other initiatives to enable patients to share their experiences and facilitate informed dialogue. 	\$15,000
Healthy Bones Australia	<p>Healthy Bones Australia (HBA), formerly Osteoporosis Australia, is a national non-for-profit organisation and the leading consumer body working to improve bone health across Australia. HBA is focused on increasing community and healthcare professional awareness of the disease and advocating to reduce the impact of osteoporosis nationally.</p> <p>This sponsorship supported a range of initiatives including policy-related activity, work to better understand the patient journey, and engagement with key stakeholders through an event for World Osteoporosis Day at Parliament House.</p>	\$100,000
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Lung Foundation Australia	<p>Lung Foundation Australia (LFA) is the only charity and leading peak body of its kind in Australia that funds research and delivers support services that give hope to people living with lung disease or lung cancer.</p> <p>This sponsorship supported the organisation's lung cancer support nurse telehealth service. The sponsorship also assisted the Australia and New Zealand Lung Cancer Nurses Forum with education and professional development activities.</p>	\$20,000
Myeloma Australia	<p>Myeloma Australia (MA) is the only myeloma specific not-for-profit organisation in the country. The organisation is dedicated to supporting, educating, informing and empowering those living with myeloma and their families. MA also works to raise community awareness of the disease and to educate the healthcare professionals involved in treatment.</p> <p>This sponsorship supported Myeloma Australia's Guided Interactive Cases (MAGIC) meetings. These educational meetings cover both the latest myeloma research from around the world and the practical challenges faced by haematologists in Australia.</p>	\$10,000
Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia	<p>Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia is Australia's leading community-based organisation for prostate cancer research, awareness and support.</p> <p>This sponsorship supported the organisation with three initiatives to help promote the bone health of Australian men with prostate cancer. These included an educational seminar for prostate cancer nurses, a national call-in day on bone protection, and a webinar that focussed on strength and conditioning.</p>	\$30,000
Australian Patient Advocacy Alliance	<p>The Australian Patient Advocacy Alliance (APAA) brings together peak health advocacy organisations representing more than 12 million people living with chronic and complex health conditions, with the purpose of providing a coordinated and cohesive approach to government.</p> <p>This sponsorship supported the APAA Summit, a two-day event bringing together member representatives to workshop issues and enable the collation of member input into advocacy priorities.</p>	\$15,000
Australasian Gastro-Intestinal Trials Group	<p>The Australasian Gastro-Intestinal Trials Group (AGITG) is a multidisciplinary network of medical and research professionals focuses on clinical trials and biological research to enhance treatments for gastro-intestinal cancers.</p> <p>This sponsorship supported AGITG's engagement with the community advisory panel, fostering connections with survivors, patients, and carers. These interactions provided critical insights into lived experiences, helping to shape research priorities, address unmet community needs, and drive innovation in GI cancer care.</p>	\$25,000
Skin Health Institute	<p>The Skin Health Institute is a not-for-profit centre of excellence providing specialised clinical treatment, education, and research for skin diseases, skin cancers, and melanoma.</p> <p>This sponsorship supports the ongoing maintenance and development of educational content for the Advanced Therapies Education Portal (ATEP), a platform created and owned by the Institute. The portal offers healthcare professionals free access to a comprehensive range of resources, including education, up-to-date clinical management information, prescribing guidance, and care plans.</p>	\$8,500