

Summary of Patient Organisations supported by Medicines Australia Member Companies

Company: *Merck Healthcare Pty Ltd*
For the period: *1 Jan 2025 - 31 Dec 2025*
Total support: *\$135,400*

Name of Patient Organisation	Description of and/or purpose of support	Nature of support (monetary value or equivalent) or description of non-financial support
BEAT Bladder Cancer Australia	Beat Bladder Cancer Sponsorship 2026- Merck’s sponsorship supports Beat Bladder Cancer’s efforts to create innovative information and support resources tailored to literacy and culturally diverse communities. The program focuses on enhancing engagement and accessibility through digital and physical initiatives that meet the specific needs of these populations. This aligns with Merck’s commitment to patient-centered care and community outreach.	11000
Lung Foundation Australia	ALCC 2025- Merck’s sponsorship supports the ALCC 2025 event, which brings together healthcare professionals, researchers, policy makers, and patient advocates to promote learning, scientific exchange, and collaboration in lung cancer care.	18700
Melanoma & Skin Cancer Advocacy Network	MSCAN Sponsorship Projects 2025- Merck’s sponsorship supports MSCAN’s advocacy and awareness activities, including events, roundtables, and policy briefings focused on melanoma and skin cancer. This enables engagement with patients, clinicians, researchers, and policymakers to advance advocacy and policy goals.	21500
MS Australia	MS Australias Biennial Progress in MS Research Conference- Merck’s Silver Sponsorship supports the Biennial Progress in MS Research Conference, facilitating scientific exchange and community engagement to advance MS research and awareness in Australia. The sponsorship includes participation through delegate registrations, branding, and support of key conference activities.	16500

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Rare Cancers Australia	Rare Impact Lunch_7th Nov- Merck's support of the Rare Impact Lunch fosters collaboration and knowledge sharing among cancer leaders, advocates, and innovators to improve outcomes for Australians living with rare cancers.	11000
Rare Cancers Australia	CanForum 2025- Merck's sponsorship of CanForum 2025 supports a high-profile cancer conference aimed at advancing equity in cancer outcomes and experiences. The sponsorship helps broaden patient and carer participation and promotes engagement among key stakeholders.	33000
Trish Multiple Sclerosis Research Founda	Trish Foundation Silver Ball- Merck's support of the Trish Foundation MS Ball Fundraiser contributes to raising funds for Australian MS research. The sponsorship helps increase research funding, raise community awareness, and strengthen patient engagement within the MS community.	5000
Australian Patient Advocacy Alliance	Australian Patient Advocacy Alliance (APAA)- Merck's funding partnership with APAA supports a lean organisation focused on advocacy and capacity-building for member organisations in the healthcare sector. This partnership enables APAA to continue and expand its proactive and responsive advocacy work, including hosting the APAA Annual Summit in early 2026. The support fosters ongoing collaboration with key stakeholders and strengthens efforts to transform healthcare in Australia.	18700