

Summary of Health Consumer Organisations supported by Medicines Australia Member Companies

For the period: 2016

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
Asbestosis & Mesothelioma Association Australia	The Asbestosis and Mesothelioma Association of Australia (AMAA) offers assistance, information and guidance to people affected by and/or concerned about asbestos. In 2016, support was provided for a representative to attend a workshop on cancer survivorship in Melbourne to the value of \$1,057 covering flights, accommodation and transfers.	Total Support: \$1,057
Brain Tumour Alliance	Brain Tumour Alliance Australia (BTAA) is a national brain tumour patient and caregiver organisation. In 2016, support was provided for a representative to attend a workshop on cancer survivorship in Melbourne to the value of \$958 covering flights and accommodation.	Total Support: \$958
Hearts4Heart	Hearts4Heart aims to raise awareness of heart disease and give patients equal access to advice, support, education and treatment. In 2016, support was provided that contributed towards patient meetings, support groups and educational resources. It included a number of disease awareness and screening events that related to activities held in 2016 and will continue into 2017.	Total Support: \$30,400
Hepatitis Australia	Hepatitis Australia is a not-for-profit organisation that provides leadership and advocacy on viral hepatitis, as well as supporting partnerships to ensure the needs of Australians affected by, or at risk of, viral hepatitis are met. In 2016, support was provided that contributed to a number of projects, including World Hepatitis Day that involved a number of communication activities to reduce the burden of viral hepatitis and increase awareness of easier access to treatments to cure Hepatitis C and manage Hepatitis B.	Total Support: \$85,000
Hepatitis Victoria	Hepatitis Victoria is a not-for-profit, community-based organisation and the peak body for people affected by, or at risk of, viral hepatitis in Victoria. In 2016, support was provided that contributed to the development and distribution of a series of video interviews covering multiple aspects of viral hepatitis including epidemiology, transmission risk, treatment strategies and at risk populations.	Total Support: \$22,000

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Kidney Health Australia	<p>Kidney Health Australia is a not for profit organisation that focuses on improving kidney health for people with kidney and urinary tract diseases, their families and carers. In 2016, support was provided for the following:</p> <p>(1) a representative to attend a workshop on cancer survivorship in Melbourne (accommodation) to the value of \$270</p> <p>(2) support of the organization's patient education initiative for patients with kidney cancer, their families and caregivers. The activity involved the development of materials to help guide patients through the cancer journey, including the current landscape of treatment options, clinical trial participation and how to navigate the healthcare system. It also included the provision of a patient kit made available throughout Australia. Funding of \$29,500 was provided.</p>	Total Support: \$29,770
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. In 2016, support was provided for a representative to attend a workshop on cancer survivorship in Melbourne to the value of \$980 covering flights, accommodation and transfers.</p>	Total Support: \$980
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 2016, support was provided that contributed to the funding to support the organisation in their patient and career education days, development and distribution of "know your treatment options" booklets, advocacy for patient needs and maintenance of its website.</p>	Total Support: \$27,500

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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 2016, support was provided for the following:</p> <p>(1) support for a representative to attend a workshop on cancer survivorship in Melbourne (flight, accommodation and transfers to the value of \$929)</p> <p>(2) support for a representative to attend the 18th International Psycho Oncology Society Congress in Dublin, Ireland (airfare of \$1,646)</p> <p>(3) support for the organisation's conference on improving the outcomes of melanoma patients in Australia to the value of \$1,500</p> <p>(4) support for the organisation's educational and advocacy programs. The initiative includes training for advocates and support group facilitators, four 2-day informational patient forums, a patient care pack and MPA website redevelopment. The value of this support was \$37,000</p>	Total Support: \$41,075

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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. In 2016, support was provided for the following:</p> <p>(1) Grants to the value of \$23,250 to support their educational events and disease awareness activities</p> <p>(2) Support for a representative to attend a workshop on cancer survivorship in Melbourne to the value of \$908</p> <p>(3) Support for a Asia-Pacific Patient Group Needs Survey to the value of \$13,607 that would provide insight into the groups' capabilities and to assist in the development of a program involving support, training and educational that is relevant and culturally sensitive.</p> <p>(4) Support for the RCA's Patient Advocacy Event to the value of \$11,000 where the event raises awareness of rare and less common cancers, discusses treatment options and the community's role in supporting patients.</p>	Total Support: \$48,765