

Summary of Health Consumer Organisations supported by Medicines Australia Member Companies

For the period: January to December 2016

Company: MSD

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
NAPWHA	<p>This funding supported the 'Treataware' program to raise awareness and provide education for individuals who have been diagnosed as HIV positive. Treataware delivers a range of information and education outreach initiatives including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Responding to phone and email enquiries - Facilitating the Treataware Outreach Network - Development of printed and web-based Resources 	10,000.00
Lung Cancer Central	<p>This funding supported an upgrade to the Lung Cancer Central website. The upgrade included improving the design and navigation of the site to maximise access to the information provided.</p>	2,000.00
Melanoma Patients Australia	<p>This funding supported the MPA patient support manager to attend the 18th International Pschyo Oncology Soceity Congress. The conference themes included eHealth Interventions, Psychosocial Care and Psychological Interventions. The funding contributed to the costs of air, conference registration and accommodation.</p>	2,000.00

Lung Foundation Australia	<p>This funding supported The Lung Foundation's Lung Cancer National Program. The program provides information and services including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clinical Community, education, awareness and support - Wider Community, reaching those at risk - Patient & Carers Community, information and support - Stakeholder & Political Community, advocacy, engagement and collaborations 	62,500.00
Rare Cancers Australia	<p>This funding supported two RCA events to raise awareness about the challenges facing Australians with a rare or less common cancer as well as to focus attention on the burden of disease in this cancer group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 'Disrupting Cancer Forum' held at Parliament House Canberra. The event included consumers, clinicians, researchers, allied health, general practitioners and academics - 'Sick or Treat' Annual Fundraising Dinner 	30,000.00
Rare Cancers Australia	<p>This funding supported an additional forum held in Canberra to build on the work achieved at the February 'Room For Patient View' event. This funding also supported two related satellite forums held in Brisbane and Melbourne to ensure optimal representation from patients and patient groups.</p>	7,500.00

Lung Foundation Australia	This funding supported the Lung Foundation's annual dinner to raise awareness of the impact of Lung cancer in the community. The dinner included presentations from Lung Foundation CEO, research clinicians and patients and their carers.	1,818.18
National Heart Foundation	This funding supported MSD membership of The NHF Pharmaceutical Roundtable (PRT). The PRT comprises 9 pharma member companies that each contributes an equal grant annually to the NHF, funding a joint project to improve cardiovascular outcomes for Australians.	30,000.00
Melanoma Patients Australia	This funding supported the following MPA programs aimed at providing information and services for people with melanoma and their carers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training program for MPA volunteer advocates - Information forums in Townsville, Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide - Patient care packs for distribution to people accessing MPA services - Creation of educational/awareness video to inform patients about MPA services available 	43,500.00
Melanoma Western Australia	This funding supported Melanoma Western Australia conduct two consumer workshops to provide patients and their carers up to date information about services available in WA for people with melanoma.	6,000.00

Lung Foundation Australia	This funding supported the Lung Foundation develop and implement a Communications Program to build national awareness of a key Lung Foundation report “Improving Outcomes for Australians with Lung Cancer – A Call to Action”.	30,000.00
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