

Summary of Health Consumer Organisations supported by Medicines Australia Member Companies

Company: Bristol-Myers Squibb Australia Pty Ltd
 For the period: 1 Jan - 31 Dec 2023

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
All.Can Australia Limited	<p>All.Can Australia Limited is a not-for-profit organisation whose mission is to improve the accessibility, delivery, and quality of cancer care for patients. The organisation endeavours to help all patients regardless of their cancer type, demographic or location, to navigate the health system throughout all stages of their cancer journey.</p> <p>A financial contribution from BMS amounting to \$20,000 supported the organisation's activities for 2023.</p> <p>BMS also provided for the registration, valued at \$1,818, of one of the organisation's representatives to attend the Prime Minister & Ministry Dinner held in March 2023.</p>	Total Support: \$21,818
ausEE Inc.	<p>The ausEE Inc. is a charitable organisation whose mission is to improve the lives of those affected by eosinophilic diseases through providing support, evidence-based information, resources, advocacy and by campaigning to raise awareness and fund for further research in Australia.</p> <p>As a corporate silver sponsor of the organisation, BMS contributed \$5,000 to support the organisation activities, services and projects for the year.</p> <p>BMS also provided for travel and accommodation worth \$562 to one of the organisation's representatives to attend the Patient and Parliament Summit held in October 2023.</p>	Total Support: \$5,562
Australian Crohn's and Colitis Association	<p>The Australian Crohn's and Colitis Association (ACCA) is a charity whose primary purpose is to provide support services, advice and encouragement to people suffering from inflammatory bowel disease. It aims at raising awareness of Crohn's and Colitis and promoting gut health within the community.</p> <p>The funds provided by BMS will be supporting two of the organisation's IBD Information Forum in 2024. The purpose of these events is to educate patients, family and carers of the support and strategies available to help them cope with Inflammatory Bowel Disease.</p>	Total Support: \$18,000
Australian Patient Advocacy Alliance Ltd	<p>The Australian Patient Advocacy Alliance is an alliance of Australian consumer health groups whose goal is to improve the health and wellbeing of all Australians through a health system that puts the consumer at its heart; one that draws on the experience of Australians living with health conditions and embeds consumers at every step of the policy making process.</p> <p>BMS provided logistics support to one of the organisation's representatives to attend the Patient and Parliament Summit held in October 2023.</p>	Total Support: \$981
Australian Patients Association Limited	<p>The Australian Patients Association is an independent not-for-profit organisation established to promote and protect the rights and interests of patients, and improve overall patient outcomes. They address important health issues impacting on patient care in the public and private healthcare system. They are also actively involved in educating patients about their rights and choices, as well as supporting patients in need.</p> <p>BMS financial support was in three folds; (i) a Corporate Membership of \$7,500 for the year ending May 2024, (ii) a contribution towards the costs of the 2023 Awards Night held in July 2023, and (iii) travel and accommodation worth \$1,090 to one of the organisation's representatives to attend the Patient and Parliament Summit held in October 2023.</p>	Total Support: \$18,590
BEAT Bladder Cancer Australia Inc	<p>BEAT Bladder Cancer Australia Inc. is an independent registered charity organisation whose mission is to increase community, general practitioner and health professional awareness of bladder cancer; to provide support services to the bladder cancer community; to advance bladder cancer research, diagnosis and treatment options.</p> <p>BMS contribution supported the organisation's 2023 educational activities aiming at raising awareness and providing information & support to patients and medical professionals.</p>	Total Support: \$10,000
Cancer Patients Assistance Society of New South Wales	<p>The Cancer Patients Assistance Society of New South Wales is a charitable organisation whose mission is to provide financial assistance, accommodation and practical support to cancer patients from rural and regional New South Wales.</p> <p>The BMS funds was a donation in support of the organisation's general mission and objectives.</p>	Total Support: \$5,000
CanTeen Australia	<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>BMS provided logistics support to one of the organisation's representatives to attend the Patient and Parliament Summit held in October 2023.</p>	Total Support: \$1,037

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Global Healthy Living Foundation Pty Ltd	<p>Global Healthy Living Foundation (GHLF) Australia is a non-profit organization with the mission to improve the quality of life for people living with chronic illness through advocacy, education, and patient-centered research.</p> <p>In 2023 BMS financially supported the organisation's HEROES (Health Education, Reliable Outreach & Empathetic Support) project intending to provide free education and outreach initiative that equips beauty professionals (hairdressers/barbers) to better support clients living with scalp and other skin conditions, such as psoriasis, eczema, and alopecia.</p>	Total Support: \$20,000
Head and Neck Cancer Australia	<p>Head and Neck Cancer Australia's mission is to improve the quality of life for head & neck cancer patients, their families and carers, through education, awareness and access to support.</p> <p>The financial contribution from BMS supported the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - online and printed education materials to be made available for patients at health care locations, - quarterly webinars to educate and support the Head and Neck Cancer community including patients, carers and healthcare professionals. 	Total Support: \$10,000
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.</p> <p>BMS contribution supported the organisation's Blood Cancer Month activities held in September 2023. The purpose of the campaign is to increase awareness and engagement across people living with blood cancer and to expand Healthcare Professionals engagement.</p>	Total Support: \$10,000
Lung Foundation Australia	<p>Lung Foundation Australia is a charity working to improve lung health and reduce the impact of lung disease for all Australians. Its main activities are promoting lung health and early diagnosis, advocating for policy change and research investment, raising awareness about the symptoms and disease, and championing equitable access to treatment and care.</p> <p>BMS provided logistics support to one of the organisation's representatives to attend the Patient and Parliament Summit held in October 2023.</p>	Total Support: \$1,315
Lymphoma Australia	<p>Lymphoma Australia is a charitable organisation dedicated to provide education, support, awareness and advocacy initiatives for Australians touched by lymphoma and chronic lymphocytic leukemia. It also supports research for a cure.</p> <p>BMS provided logistics assistance to a representative of the organisation to attend the Patient and Parliament Summit held in October 2023.</p>	Total Support: \$1,462
Melanoma & Skin Cancer Advocacy Network	<p>The Melanoma & Skin Cancer Advocacy Network (MSCAN) is a charity whose purpose is to listen to, represent and inform the melanoma and skin cancer community with a focus on innovation in care & research, advocacy & policy, and resources & information.</p> <p>In 2023, BMS provided support for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) the setting up of a Nurse2Nurse Hub which will be an easily accessible online hub of information and support for nurses working in skin cancer fields. Amount donated was \$15,000. 2) the content development for patient community to be published on the organisation's website. Amount provided \$10,000. 3) a general donation of \$5,000 towards the overall organisation's mission and objectives. 4) logistics support, worth \$1,186, to a MSCAN representative to attend the Patient and Parliament Summit in October 2023 	Total Support: \$31,186
Melanoma Institute Australia	<p>Melanoma Institute Australia is a not-for profit organisation dedicated to minimising the impact of melanoma through innovative research, treatment and education programs.</p> <p>BMS supported the organisation's Community Patient Forum in 2022 for \$2,500, and in 2023 BMS provided financial support of \$42,500 towards the 2024 planned Patients and Community Educational programs.</p>	Total Support: \$45,000

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Melanoma Patients Australia	<p>The Melanoma Patients Association (MPA) is an independent, not for profit organisation dedicated to supporting and representing those affected by melanoma. Their vision is to reduce the impact of melanoma on all Australians by providing a range of comprehensive support services to patients affected by melanoma including emotional support, information and connections.</p> <p>BMS provided a financial support of \$40,000 towards the following 2023 organisation's activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Peer Support Program Stage 2; purpose of which is to connect post treatment volunteer cancer survivors and caregivers with those currently experiencing cancer related issues and requesting support 2) Development and refresh of patient education materials; e.g. booklets, brochures and cards including QR codes to digital content. <p>Also BMS provided logistics assistance, worth \$421, to a representative of the organisation to attend the Patient and Parliament Summit held in October 2023.</p>	Total Support: \$40,421
Myeloma Australia	<p>Myeloma Australia is a not-for-profit organisation whose goals are to support, educate, inform, empower and bring hope to people living with myeloma and their loved ones. The organisation also engages in raising disease awareness in the community and helps fund research.</p> <p>BMS provided logistics support to one of the organisation's representatives to attend the Patient and Parliament Summit held in October 2023.</p>	Total Support: \$1,993
Ovarian Cancer Australia	<p>Ovarian Cancer Australia is an independent national not-for-profit organisation, supporting women diagnosed with ovarian cancer. The organisation provides care and support for those affected by ovarian cancer; and represent them by leading change. Their vision is to save lives and ensure no woman with ovarian cancer walks alone.</p> <p>BMS provided a financial support towards the organisation's overall mission and objectives.</p>	Total Support: \$10,000
Pancare Foundation	<p>The Pancare Foundation is a charitable organisation committed to inspiring hope, raising awareness, supporting families and funding research for upper gastrointestinal (GI) cancers.</p> <p>BMS sponsored the organisation's "Enhancing access and delivery of equitable support to marginalised communities" program which aims at bridging the gap by providing specialised information to help patients and their families breakdown the process in simple terms. Value of the sponsorship was \$30,000.</p> <p>Also BMS provided logistics assistance valued at \$1,287 to a representative of the organisation to attend the Patient and Parliament Summit held in October 2023.</p>	Total Support: \$31,287
Patient Voice Initiative Incorporated	<p>The Patient Voice Initiative is a collaboration between patients, researchers and industry working towards improving the patient voice in the Australian health system.</p> <p>BMS provided a financial support of \$15,000 towards the 2023/24 organisation's activities consisting of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Patient Voice Hub expansion 2) HTA (Health Technology Assessment) Champions Program - 3) Consumer input support 4) Patient Voice capacity building 5) Patient Evidence capacity building series 6) Consumer Conversations 7) Enhancing interactions with patient communities 8) HTA reform thought leadership 9) Industry Dialogues <p>Also BMS supported the organisation's activities related to the HTAi 2023 Annual Meeting to an amount of \$5,000.</p>	Total Support: \$20,000

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Rare Cancers Australia Ltd	<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.</p> <p>BMS financially supported the following activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) CanForum Nov 2023 - a one-day patient advocacy event aimed at challenging the way people think about rare cancer (\$30,000) 2) Rarification of Cancer Report Phase 2 - aimed at raising awareness and understanding of impact, opportunities and challenges of cancer disease (\$25,000) 3) Counting the Cost Phase 2 - a project to highlight the true value of new treatments and to propose new ways in which these may be included in the Health Technologies Assessments and other advisory bodies (\$30,000) 4) Annual Halloween Ball - an event held in October 2023 for the organisation to raise funds (\$7,000) 5) Mount Kosi Challenge 2024 - an annual fund raising event hosted by RCA, whereby a number of BMS employees participate in the event and raise funds by themselves. The BMS funding was to primarily support the employees registration and chair lift fees, and also to support the organisation's overall mission and objectives. (\$7,000) 6) registration cost for one RCA representative to attend the Prime Minister & Ministry Dinner held in March 2023 (\$1,818) 7) accommodation for one RCA representative to attend the Patient and Parliament Summit held in October 2023 (\$281) 	Total Support: \$101,099
St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne	<p>St. Vincent's Hospital Melbourne, a Catholic health and aged care service, provides compassionate and innovative care to those in need. The hospital's founders, the Sisters of Charity, emphasized care for marginalized members of the community, and the hospital is focused on serving the poor and vulnerable, guided by core values of compassion, integrity, justice, and excellence.</p> <p>The BMS financial contribution supported the organisation's Clinical Trial Information Day held in February 2024. The purpose of the event is to increase patient's and the community's awareness about the role of Clinical Trials in the treatment of blood cancers.</p>	Total Support: \$5,000