

MEDIA RELEASE

\$2.2 million in funding to help transform the way research improves the health of Australians

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Sydney Health Partners has welcomed the announcement it will receive \$2.2 million in funding for translational health and medical research, made today by the Hon Ken Wyatt AM, Minister for Indigenous Health and Minister for Aged Care.

The funding forms part of the \$10 million granted from the Medical Research Futures Fund (MRFF) to the Australian Health Research Alliance, of which Sydney Health Partners is a member.

Executive Director Professor Garry Jennings AO said the funding will support Sydney Health Partners – a collaborative partnership bringing the health system together with researchers and educators - in making a lasting difference to the health and wellbeing of all Australians.

“Sydney Health Partners’ vision is to transform the way health and medical research improves the lives of our community, and this funding will help ensure the outcomes of research reach the health system faster – meaning access to new and better treatments for our patients and community,” Professor Jennings said.

“We are focused on addressing, and where possible preventing, health conditions that affect many of us and that place a burden on the health system,” Professor Jennings continued.

“Sydney Health Partner’s researchers and clinicians are working together to give people access to new and better treatments – for diseases and conditions that affect many Australians like cancer, dementia and heart disease as well as mental health issues and childhood illnesses.

“This funding will go towards projects to improve Indigenous health, increase patient participation in health and medical research, as well as towards research that helps to address gaps in our health system.

“This funding will accelerate the rate at which we can address these important issues, and we look forward to working with the Federal Government, and our fellow members of the Australian Health Research Alliance, to improve the health and wellbeing of our community,” Professor Jennings concluded.

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Sydney Health Partners is one of the first four Advanced Health Research and Translation Centres in Australia, recognised by the National Health and Medical Research Council in 2015 for being a world leader in translating research into better health outcomes for our community. We are also a member of the Australian Health Research Alliance. Our partnership is the first of its kind in New South Wales and is made up of the Sydney, Northern Sydney and Western Sydney Local Health Districts; the Sydney Children's Hospitals Network (Westmead); the University of Sydney; and nine independent medical research institutes. Our vision is to transform the way research improves patient care and public health in our health system through strong collaboration, inclusive thinking and an overriding commitment to meet the health needs of our community.

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