

## Sydney Health Partners welcomes Federal Government's funding of translational research

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Sydney Health Partners welcomes the Federal Government's announcement of \$10 million in funding from the Medical Research Futures Fund (MRFF) to support Advanced Health Research and Translation Centres (AHRTCs) and Centres for Innovation in Regional Health (CIRHs).

The funding will go towards translational health and medical research, with the objective of improving the health and wellbeing of Australians. Importantly, funding has been allocated to initiatives that target our health system at a national level as well as projects that address specific priority health issues.

Sydney Health Partners Executive Director Professor Garry Jennings AO said the funding will benefit the community by accelerating the rate at which research reaches the health system.

"As one of the first Advanced Health Research and Translation Centres in Australia, and a member of the National AHRTC Alliance, Sydney Health Partners is committed to the MRFF's objective of improving the health and wellbeing of Australians through medical research and innovation," said Professor Jennings.

"Our vision is to transform the way research helps improve the health of our community. In particular, we are focused on reducing the burden on the public health system through prevention, and this funding will go a long way towards helping us achieve this vision," Professor Jennings said.

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### About Sydney Health Partners

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. 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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