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Australia invests $180 M in ground-breaking medical research projects

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106 medical research projects will receive funding



The Australian Government is investing $180 million in ground-breaking medical research projects around Australia to improve the lives of Australians and their loved ones.

Funded through the Government's $20 billion Medical Research Future Fund, 106 medical research projects will receive funding to improve health outcomes, including for Australians with cancer, dementia, brain injuries, heart problems, neurofibromatosis and many others.

To name a few, $18.7 million will be provided through the Stem Cell Mission for 17 projects that will address illnesses facing many Australians and their families, including heart disease, COVID-19, epilepsy and childhood cancer.

The Murdoch Children's Institute will receive almost $1 million to evaluate the potential of a bioengineered heart tissue to be used for congenital heart repair in children. This project will radically transform patient outcomes and improve the quality of life of children affected by heart disease.

Further, through the Genomics Health Futures Mission, 17 researchers will receive a share of $46.5 million for genomics research, which will support health clinicians to identify genetic disorders and diagnose rare diseases faster, positioning Australia as a global leader in this area.

These grants are part of the Morrison Government's $20 billion Medical Research Future, which is a long-term, sustainable investment in Australian health and medical research.