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Monash Partners receives further investment of \$6.1 million to improve health outcomes for Victorians

The Federal Minister for Health, the Honorable Greg Hunt today announced a further funding commitment of \$6.1M to Monash Partners Academic Health Science Centre.

This funding is made possible through the Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) and is linked to a significant ongoing investment in the Advanced Health Research and Translation Centres (AHRTCs) and Centres for Innovation in Regional Health (CIRH). These leading Centres are accredited by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) to conduct rapid transformational research that delivers real solutions to health service problems, with direct patient benefit.

The purpose of Monash Partners is to connect clinicians, researchers and the community to innovate for better health. Established in 2011, our members include leading health services, teaching and research organisations. Our partners are: Alfred Health, Monash Health, Monash University, Peninsula Health, Eastern Health, Cabrini Health, Epworth HealthCare, Burnet Institute, Hudson Institute, and Baker Heart and Diabetes Institute.

This three years of much-needed funding builds on \$2.2M awarded to Monash Partners in 2017; it will continue to support the world leading research and collaborative projects that underpin Victoria's and Australia's already high-quality healthcare system.

Executive Director of Monash Partners, Professor Helena Teede, welcomed the Government's support.

"In Australia, the community funds both healthcare and research and we have a right to expect these will be integrated to provide the best healthcare and health outcomes for Australians. Collaboration can provide groundbreaking healthcare improvement. Monash Partners is ideally placed to deliver the collaboration and community engagement for *through research, innovation and translation of best evidence into practice*," Professor Teede said. "This important funding enables Monash Partners' commitment to collaboratively improve high quality healthcare across our communities in Victoria, Australia and internationally, supported by world-leading research."

Monash Partners funding will support national programs in priority areas that are important to our community, health services, government and that align with our international strengths in research and clinical care. These include applying health data to improve the health of our community, as well as optimising outcomes in cancer, pregnancy, child health, infections, heart disease, and many more important areas of health.



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Monash Partners is looking forward to the stability that three years of funding can provide to bolster our efforts to work with our healthcare providers, researchers and community to innovate for better health.

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