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Australia injects $12.9 M in seven new research projects to improve health outcomes

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Funded through the 2020 Primary Healthcare Research Data Infrastructure grants

The Morrison Government is investing $12.9 million in seven new research projects around Australia to use data to improve health outcomes for Australian patients.

Funded through the 2020 Primary Healthcare Research Data Infrastructure grants, a number of research institutions will receive funding to undertake projects that use new and existing data sets to improve access, quality, safety and efficiency of our primary health care system.

For instance, the South Australian Health Medical Research Institute Ltd will receive around $2 million for its Registry of Senior Australians (ROSA) project, which aims to expand the existing platform to understand emerging issues and continue ground-breaking research on key, and currently unknown, residential aged care impacts.

On the other hand, the University of Adelaide will receive around $2 million for their Imagendo project, which will benefit the approximately one in 9 Australian women and girls who suffer from endometriosis. The Imagendo project will use imaging and artificial intelligence to aid in better, quicker and more cost-effective diagnosis of endometriosis. Ultrasound and MRI imaging will be used to develop diagnostic algorithms, which can estimate in real time the likelihood that an individual has endometriosis.

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 helping to improve lives, build the economy and contribute to the sustainability of the health system.