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Australia announces $14.6 M boost for allergy research, care and support

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Funding will deliver and expand public health initiatives, education, training and support



The Australian government has committed a further $14.6 million to drive research, care and support for Australians affected by allergies.

The funding will support the National Allergy Council (NAC) and National Allergy Centre of Excellence (NACE) to continue its world class research into allergies while improving evidence-based care and strengthening public health programs.

Allergic disease affects approximately a third of the population and is rising. It spans all age groups with one in 10 babies diagnosed with food allergies, one in 20 adults reporting medication allergies, and one in four Australians experiencing hay fever – up from one in seven in 2008.

This investment will provide millions of Australians with faster access to improved care through life-changing allergy research. Funding will also support documenting allergies in electronic health records – including antibiotic allergy information – which will help improve patient safety.

The NAC is a partnership between the Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCIA) and Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia (A&AA) – the peak medical and patient support organisations for allergy in Australia.