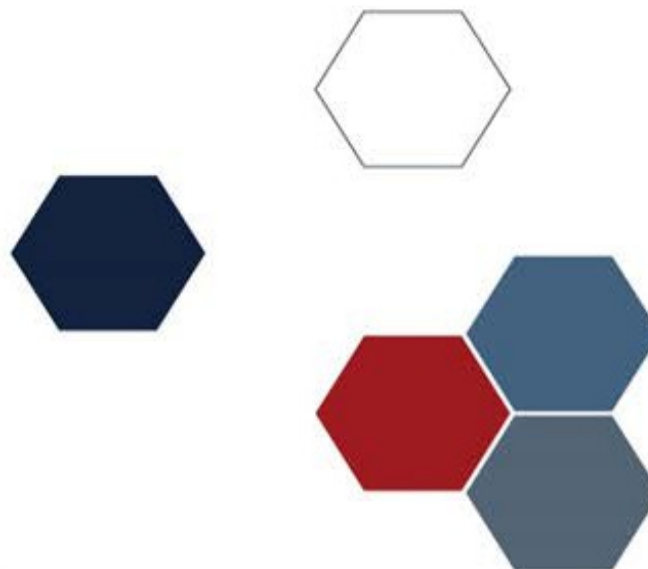




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**Cardiovascular Health Mission
National Consultation on the Roadmap and Implementation
Plan**

Webinar



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Introduction

- Welcome
- No microphones will be active, only hosts are able to speak
- All questions can be sent via the interactive Q&A input
- One hour has been allocated at the end of the presentation to answer questions
- A copy of this presentation will be made available on the MRFF website





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MRFF Background

- Established in 2015, the \$20 billion Fund is a long-term sustainable source of research funding
- The MRFF aims to transform health and medical research and innovation to improve lives, build the economy and contribute to health system sustainability
- Complementary Government funding of health and medical research in Australia:
 - MRFF - awards funding for national priority areas that address gaps in research with a focus on research translation and commercialisation to improve the health and wellbeing of Australians
 - NHMRC - awards funding through a range of investigator-initiated schemes to build capacity and advance health and medical knowledge





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MRFF 10-year investment plan

- The Australian Government announced a \$5 billion, 10-year investment plan for the MRFF, as part of the 2019-20 budget.
- There are 20 initiatives under four themes, funded over 10 years to harness innovation, provide vital infrastructure, improve patient outcomes, and generate jobs and economic growth.

 Patients	Funding innovative treatments, supporting clinical trials, and delivering more advanced health care and medical technology to improve the health of all Australians
 Researchers	Supporting our researchers to make breakthrough discoveries, develop their skills and progress their careers in Australia
 Research missions	Helping researchers think big to tackle significant health challenges through investment, leadership and collaboration
 Research translation	Moving research ideas from the lab to the clinic, so that medical discoveries become part of clinical practice for GPs, specialists and hospitals





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MRFF Missions

- MRFF missions:
 - focus on an area of unmet need or a technology with transformational potential (priority led)
 - are planned and coordinated 10 year programs of work (strategic, Roadmap, Implementation Plan)
 - bring together key researchers, health professionals, consumers, stakeholders, industry partners (outcome focused)
 - harness resources across the system (investment, leadership and collaboration)
 - use innovative research approaches (new grant models)





Purpose of consultation

- **Focus:** Mission design (Roadmap and Implementation Plan)
- **Questions:**
 - As designed, will the Mission generate the knowledge required to improve health practice/policy and patient outcomes
 - Will the proposed grant opportunities elicit the research required to generate the knowledge needed to improve practice/policy and outcomes
 - What else is required to maximise chance of success
 - In 10 years time, will we know if the Mission has succeeded (evaluation measures)

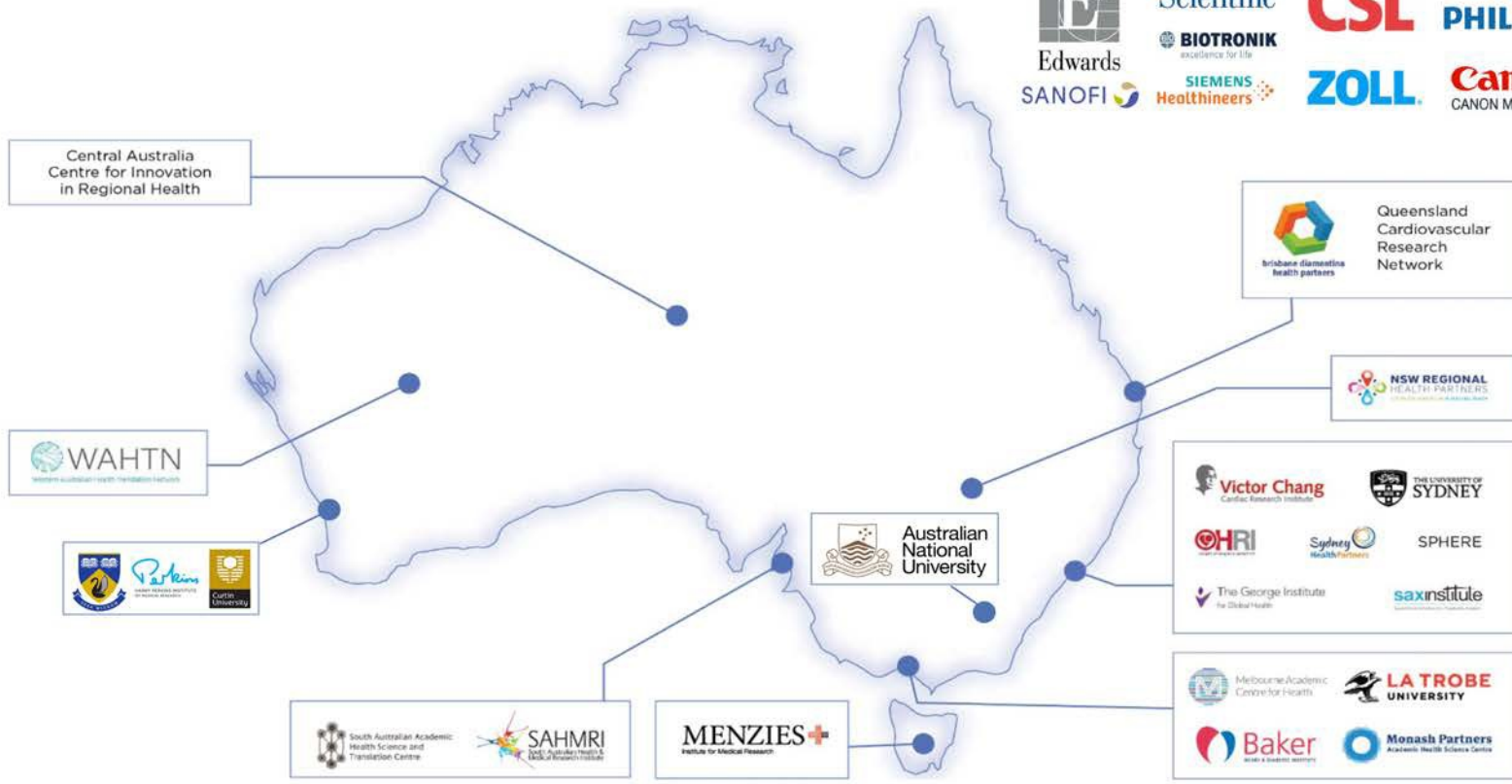




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Context – Cardiovascular Research in Australia and The Australian Cardiovascular Alliance





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Context-ACvA and the Australian CV and Stroke Research Sector



PURPOSE

Deliver transformative change in cardiovascular health



AMBITION

Building a thriving cardiovascular research ecosystem serving health



DELIVERY

Bringing together the world's leading researchers with industry, government and the community to solve the unmet challenges in cardiovascular health



STRUCTURE

An open and transparent governance structure representing the voice of cardiovascular researchers, industry and peak bodies





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Alignment of research to best serve national health



- One of the world's best health systems
- Significant funding with rigor, excellence and impact (NHMRC, MRFF, Department of Industry)
- Investing in:
 - Data platforms (identify gaps and impact)
 - Governance for national prioritization
 - Implementation pathways for evidence- and value-based care
- Leadership that drives collaboration across multiple jurisdiction- and engages the States
- It's about strategic **alignment** and **culture**





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Mission for Cardiovascular Health



The Mission for CV Health

Successful advocacy with Federal government
announcement

\$220 Million Mission for CV Health, Feb 2019

*"A medical research mission is a program of
work with ambitious objectives that are only
possible through significant investment,
leadership and collaboration"*

Our goal

To make transformative improvements in cardiovascular health and stroke for all Australians:

- Reducing the number of Australians suffering from heart disease and stroke
- Improving outcomes from acute cardiovascular and stroke events
- Enhancing long-term recovery and survivorship after a cardiovascular or stroke event

Our mission

To accelerate Australian-led research to advance cardiovascular health through the creation of a world-class sustainable ecosystem underpinned by excellence, collaboration, innovation, consumer engagement and commercialisation, and embedded in the health care system



Cardiovascular Health Mission

- Forms part of the MRFF 10 Year Investment Plan announced in 2019
- The Mission will make transformative improvements in cardiovascular health and stroke for all Australians
- \$220 million from 2019–20 to 2028–29
- Mission funding

2019–20 \$m	2020–21 \$m	2021–22 \$m	2022–23 \$m	2023–24 \$m	2024–25 \$m	2025–26 \$m	2026–27 \$m	2027–28 \$m	2028–29 \$m	Total \$m
23.0	24.0	24.0	24.0	25.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	220.0





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Health and Medical Research Office

CEO, Dr Masha Somi
Lead Advisor, Dr David Abbott
Advisor, Professor Brendan Murphy

- Business Grants Hub
- NHMRC Grants Hub
- International Review Panel

Missions

- Genomics: Alex Nikro, Dr David Abbott
- Ageing, Aged Care, Dementia: Jo Mond *
- Million Minds: Chris Bedford *
- Indigenous Health: Kate Thomann *
- Traumatic Brain Injury: Sarah Samuels
- Cardiovascular: David Salvestrin
- Stem Cell: Jason Tong
- Brain Cancer: Prof Dorothy Kofoa *, Terrie O'Brien

Patients

- Emerging Priorities & Consumer Driven: Kirsty Cheyne-Macpherson
- Clinical Trials for Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Needs: Terrie O'Brien
- Global Health (AMR and Drug Resistant TB): Maria Travers



Researchers

- Frontier Health and Medical Research: Maria Travers
- Industry Researcher Exchange and Training: Kirsty Cheyne-Macpherson
- Clinical Researchers: Kirsty Cheyne-Macpherson

Translation

- Preventive and Public Health Research: Kirsty Cheyne-Macpherson
- Primary Health Care Research: Kirsty Cheyne-Macpherson
- Rapid Applied Research Translation Centres: Kirsty Cheyne-Macpherson
- Medical Research Commercialisation: Alex Nikro
- National Critical Infrastructure: Terrie O'Brien
- Data Infrastructure: TBA

Secretariats

- AMRAB
- Genomics EAC
- Expert Advisory Panels for the 7 other Missions



Enablers

- Overarching MRFF Policy: Maria Travers
- Communications: Naini Singh
- Evaluation: Naini Singh / Dr David Abbott / Bill Allen
- Program Assurance: TBA
- Financial management: Nathan Boyle *
- Budget and NPP: Bernard Philbrick *
- Grant's Hub Intersections: Brett Cox *
- International: Naini Singh

* Staff based in policy, program or corporate areas.



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The Mission: Expert Advisory Panel

- Professor Gemma Figtree (Chair), University of Sydney
- Professor Garry Jennings AO, Chief Medical Advisor, National Heart Foundation
- Professor Emily Banks, Australian National University
- Dr Ray Mahoney, CSIRO
- Mr Chris Nave, Managing Director, Brandon Capital Partners
- Ms Jennifer Tucker, Consumer Advocate, National Heart Foundation
- Professor David Winlaw, Children's Hospital Westmead
- Professor Livia Hool, University of Western Australia
- Professor Dominique Cadilhac, Monash University
- Dr James Hudson, QIMR Berghofer
- Professor Julie Bernhardt, Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health

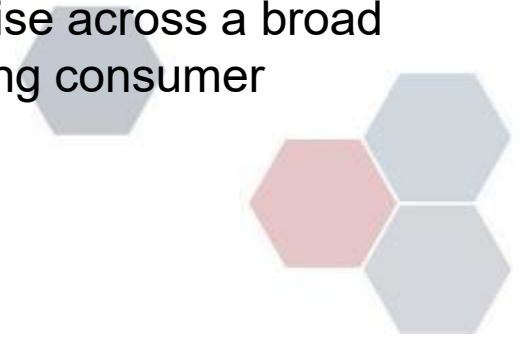




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Expert Advisory Panel

- Role to advise the Minister on the strategic priorities for research investment through the MRFF Missions by defining:
 - Evidence and knowledge gaps to assist in transforming health care and health outcomes for individuals and communities
 - Key research questions that if answered will deliver meaningful change to patients through the translation of research
- **The Cardiovascular Health Mission Expert Advisory Panel**
 - Comprises 10 members based on their relevant expertise across a broad spectrum of cardiovascular disease and stroke, including consumer experience and commercialisation





Medical Research Future Fund Cardiovascular Health Mission

Roadmap – Goal and Mission

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Roadmap – Scope

- The Mission will improve health and save lives by mobilising research efforts, and developing collaborative and translational platforms.
- It will encompass broad innovations in cardiovascular health and stroke to benefit all Australians, with particular efforts to improve equity and outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.





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Roadmap:



Funding principles

Activities funded under this mission should:

- support excellence, including through competitive and transparent peer-review processes
- support people, programs, platforms and urgent capacity-building initiatives
- enhance collaboration and translation across the research system
- facilitate the best cross-disciplinary teams to tackle identified inequalities in health care access, provision and outcomes, with particular consideration of sex and ethnicity
- develop innovative and cost-effective approaches to primary and secondary prevention, early detection, treatment and long-term care, including reducing duplication and waste in research
- promote deep engagement with health services, government and nongovernment organisations, industry, patients and caregivers
- support leverage from other funding sources, including philanthropic, industry and international contributions
- support a vibrant and enduring research ecosystem





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Roadmap:

Priority areas for investment

Funding for heart, vascular and stroke research will be invested across strategic interrelated and complementary flagships:

- **drug discovery** — targeted development of new therapies, incorporating emerging biology
- **bio-medical engineering** — development, implementation and translation of biomedical engineering approaches for cardiovascular health to improve diagnosis, precision treatment and outcomes, using biodevices and 3D tissue-engineered products, and using bioengineering models to maximise data use and prediction.
- **precision medicine** — embedding multi-omic platforms and computational bioinformatics within well-characterised clinical cohorts to discover new markers for early disease detection and personalised risk prediction, and identify mechanisms to provide evidence-based targeted and tailored treatment
- **big data** — use and optimisation of large-scale data to support efficient, innovative research, improving the health system and health outcomes
- **clinical trials** — rigorous testing of innovative interventions in primary care, acute care, rehabilitation and community settings
- **implementation and policy** — research focused on implementing effective and efficient prevention and care, including supporting evidence-informed practice and policy decision making





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Early Investments

Grant Opportunities in 2019-20:

- \$18m was awarded to six research projects aimed to reduce the impact of congenital heart disease.
- \$11.3m was awarded to six research projects into three key priorities:
 - Improving prevention of heart disease and stroke;
 - Improved survival outcomes after an acute heart or stroke event through a focus on treatment; and
 - Improving secondary prevention and survivorship after a cardiovascular event.
- \$4m was awarded to the Stroke Foundation for research into better diagnosis and treatment of children who suffer stroke
- \$4m was awarded to the National Heart Foundation (matched funding) for research into cardio-oncology; predictive risk modelling; secondary prevention; and women and heart disease.





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Much needed Grants for National Collaborative Efforts for prioritised problems.....BUT



CV ~\$88 Mill pa

MRFF Mission for Cardiovascular Health- ~\$20 Mill pa

Vegetable types and their bioactives: growing the evidence for cardiovascular benefits
Early interventions to improve the quality of survival after critical illness
Bioactive coatings to improve function and lifetime of implantable medical devices
Molecular basis of apoptotic cell disassembly and the function of this process in infection
Reducing the consequences of prematurity by improving the transition at birth.
Designing tailored approaches to improve dietary patterns in young adults
Interventions to eliminate rheumatic heart disease
The Epidemiology of Diabetes Complications: Identifying New Risk Factors and Population Tr
Novel vaccine technology to translate knowledge of immuno-pathogenesis into vaccines and
Developing innovative targeting strategies for diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular and
Compiling reliable evidence for sex differences in cardiovascular disease
A connectomic approach to understanding cerebrovascular disease in the elderly
Developing and implementing evidence-based treatments to improve outcome following br
Optimizing the effectiveness and delivery of stroke reperfusion therapies
Using early detection tests to benefit health without causing harm
Cardiac MRI in the evaluation of cardiovascular disease – enhancing mechanistic understand
Improving outcomes after cardiac arrest: strengthening the chain of survival.
A multi-pronged approach for the development of effective and safe anticoagulants
Eating in context: Understanding the pathways through which everyday contextual factors in
Control of translation in cancer, cell stress response and ageing
Determinants and cardiometabolic consequences of early life inflammation
The genetic control of complex diseases at a cellular level
Driving quality improvement through Meaningful Evaluation of Aphasia SeRvices (MEASuRES
Improved cardiovascular outcomes for growth-restricted infants
Generating new evidence and improving health systems to improve the management of strok
New prothrombotic pathways linked to mechanotransduction
New treatments for obesity, diabetes and cardiovascular disease
The long-term effects of child, adolescent, and young adult cholesterol levels on future cardi
Generation of high quality, clinically relevant knowledge to inform global nutrition practice
Targeting the Vascular Microenvironment in Human Disease
Investigating the function of chromatin modifiers in embryonic development and disease
Catheter ablation for atrial fibrillation in patients with heart failure and myocardial fibrosis
Imaging Profiling Platform for Thrombotic Disease and Anti-Platelet Therapeutics - new trans
Improving stroke care in regional and rural Australia

Need Sustainable Platforms for accelerating impact:

- Clinical Trials
- Big Data
- Health Economics
- Implementation
- Industry interface
- Strategic governance of whole sector

Institution	Funding Amount	Project Title
University of Sydney	\$2,997,908	Colchicine After Stroke to Prevent Event Recurrence (CASPER) Study
University of New South Wales	\$1,467,091	Novel deep learning methods for large-scale cardiovascular risk screening using Australian digital health data
University of Melbourne	\$2,138,226	A randomised controlled trial of ultra-early, minimally invasive surgery for intracerebral haemorrhage (EVACUATE)
Monash University	\$1,416,095	Using Polygenic Risk Scores to Target Statin Therapy in Primary Prevention
University of New South Wales	\$1,629,905	Total Cardiac Care - STROKE: A randomised controlled trial of a comprehensive smartphone application-centric model of care to improve outcomes in stroke patients
University of New South Wales	\$1,687,990	The SaltSwitch Online Grocery Shopping (OGS) Trial: A Novel Method for Reducing Blood Pressure among Individuals with Hypertension
University of Sydney	\$3,994,175	An Australian Study of the Outcomes and Burden of Congenital Heart Disease
University of Sydney	\$3,328,569	Congenital Heart Fitness Intervention Trial: CH-FIT
University of Sydney	\$2,081,761	Personalised Pulmonary Valved Conduits: reducing re-operations in CHD
The University of Adelaide	\$3,041,595	Maternal exposures, congenital heart defects, and child development
The University of Queensland	\$3,133,858	Gene Expression to Predict Long-Term Outcome in Infants After Heart Surgery
Queensland University of Technology	\$2,997,256	CHD LIFE+ family-centred care models supporting long-term neurodevelopment





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MRFF Strategy

Vision

A health system fully informed by quality health and medical research.

Aim

Through strategic investment, to transform health and medical research and innovation to improve lives, build the economy and contribute to health system sustainability.

Objectives

- Create health and economic benefits from research discoveries and innovations
- Embed research evidence in healthcare policy and in practice improvement
- Drive collaboration and innovation across the research pipeline and healthcare system
- Strengthen transdisciplinary research collaboration
- Provide better access to research infrastructure
- Maximise opportunities for research translation by engaging with consumers

- Position the research sector and health system to tackle future challenges
- Facilitate the commercialisation of great Australian research
- Demonstrate the value and impact of research investment

Strategic platforms

- Strategic and international horizons
- Data and infrastructure
- Health services and systems
- Capacity and collaboration
- Trials and translation
- Commercialisation

Impact measurement

- Better patient outcomes
- Beneficial change to health practices
- Evidence of increased efficiency in the health system
- Commercialisation of health research outcomes
- Community support for the use of and outcomes from funding



**AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL RESEARCH
AND INNOVATION STRATEGY
2016-2021**





Mission Implementation Plan

- **Mission Enablers**

- For each Mission Goal and Priority Area, the Implementation Plan identifies non-research activities required to facilitate and support the MRFF funded research, contributing to the goals and facilitating long term implementation.
- The following enablers will provide overarching support for implementation of the Mission.
- A nationally coordinated approach leveraging core research capabilities to support all funded projects.
- Effective and extensive engagement across all levels of government will be established to ensure the outcomes of the Mission are transformative to health care.
- The Mission enabling capabilities can also deliver:
 - workforce development in areas such as large-scale bioinformatics, data analysis
 - continuous quality improvement.
 - improved integration with health system priorities including health care quality standards, patient outcomes, economic and financial factors/obligations.
 - Industry engagement

Challenge re resources and leadership
Need to leverage state and other jurisdictions





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Leverage other investment and opportunities



State and territories
Industry
Researchers
Consumers etc etc

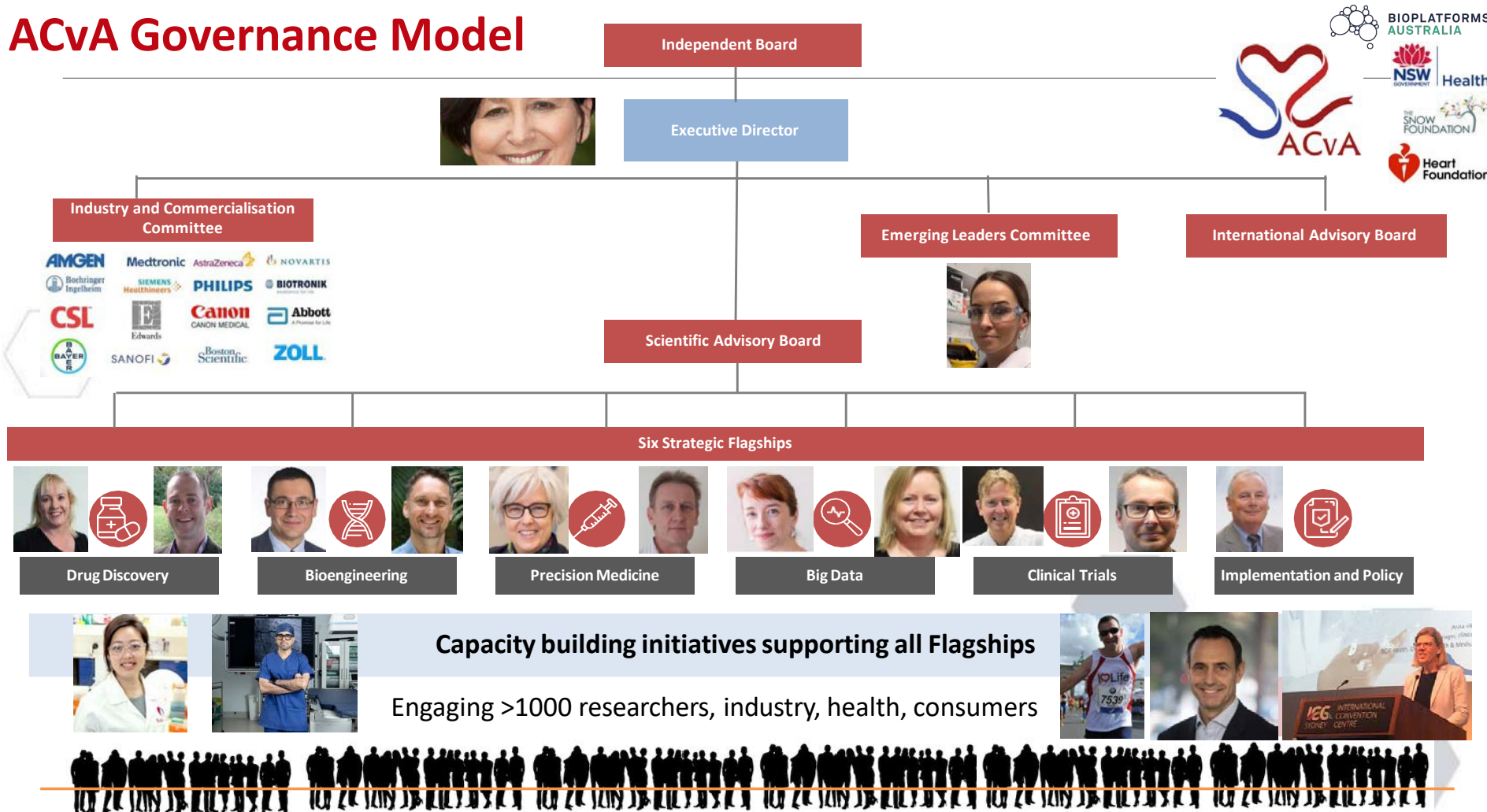




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ACvA Governance Model



Working Groups



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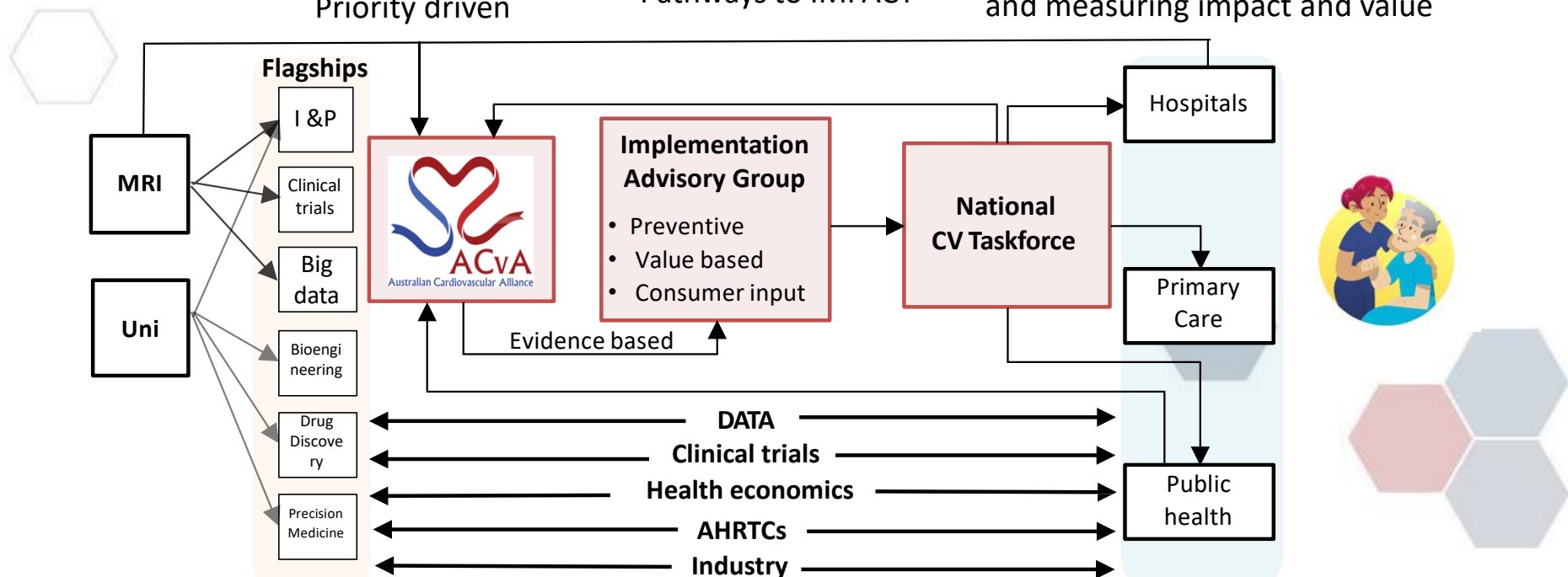
Working with researchers and health to build a vibrant sustainable ecosystem



Excellent teams
Strategic leadership
Priority driven

Innovative Solutions
Pathways to IMPACT

Health system and data-
identifying gaps and inequities,
and measuring impact and value





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Implementation Plan

- Implementation strategy to guide research investment over the life of the Mission
- Priority areas for investment allocated across the short, medium and long term time-frames
- Establishes how the outcomes from each priority will be evaluated in terms of benefit to Australian patients and facilitate tracking of the mission's progress towards its objectives
- Identifies supporting activities, and collaborative opportunities





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Implementation Plan – Priority Areas

The following priority areas have been identified to achieve the objectives of the Mission:

Aim	Priority areas for investment
<p>1. Reduce the number of Australians of all ages affected by heart disease and stroke</p>	<p>1.1 Improving understanding of cardiovascular disease risk, including biological mechanisms</p> <hr/> <p>1.2 Identifying best-practice preventive care for all Australians</p>
<p>2. Improve outcomes from acute cardiovascular and stroke events</p>	<p>2.1 Optimising evidence-based diagnoses and clinical pathways</p> <hr/> <p>2.2 Discovering new solutions through innovation – technology, drugs and devices, and models of care</p>
<p>3. Improve long-term recovery and survivorship after a cardiovascular or stroke event</p>	<p>3.1 Identifying and targeting personalised secondary prevention programs, to prevent further stroke and heart events</p> <hr/> <p>3.2 Developing new treatments for recovery with better understanding of the biology of recovery, leading to improved monitoring and new treatments</p> <hr/> <p>3.3 Improving survivorship and reducing morbidity</p>





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Implementation Plan (2)

- Based on the priority areas and their goals, EAP worked to:
 - Identify the investment activities required to achieve these goals
 - Identify additional activities outside of the Mission that will be required to achieve success
 - Identify opportunities to leverage additional investment
 - Define what success will look like, how this might be measured and across what timeframe





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Implementation Plan e.g. Priority Area 1.1.



Priority area 1.1

Improving understanding of cardiovascular disease risk, including biological mechanisms

medium term
2-5 years
to
long term
6-10 years

Research projects will:

- identify and evaluate novel diagnostic markers and methods to better predict risk of cardiovascular disease and stroke
- develop and evaluate clinical pathways for implementing optimised evidence-based diagnosis and treatment
- support integration of individual and population approaches to optimise cardiovascular disease and stroke prevention

Research to begin in the ...

Priorities for investment (research questions and objectives)

short term
1-2 years

Four research projects commenced in June 2020:

- Novel deep learning methods for large-scale cardiovascular risk screening using Australian digital health data (University of NSW, \$1.4 million)
- Using Polygenic Risk Scores to Target Statin Therapy in Primary Prevention (Monash University, \$1.4 million)
- Address gaps in cardiovascular risk assessment (Heart Foundation, \$2 million, co-funded)
- Identify non-genomic factors associated with congenital heart disease (University of Adelaide, \$3 million)

Future research projects will:

- develop novel blood, imaging and clinical markers and methods for improved risk prediction and early detection of cardiovascular disease and stroke
- identify and quantify system and individual mechanisms that contribute to variation and inequities in cardiovascular disease and stroke care, and risk
- use implementation- and systems-based research (built on principles of co-design methodology) to better understand and predict cardiovascular disease and stroke risk in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people





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Opportunities for leverage and activities required to support



Opportunities to use additional investment and other research to support the priority areas

- Partnerships may include:
 - existing large-scale national and state data linkage systems (eg National Integrated Health Services Information, Multi-Agency Data Integration Project), and primary care data linkage systems to develop large-scale cardiovascular data platform integrating clinical, state, national and other data sources
 - commercial clinical software providers to develop partnerships that support creating data aggregation platforms that the research sector can access
 - private health insurers — for example, with the shared goal of value-based care and prevention
 - the National Critical Research Infrastructure Strategy
 - the Australian Health Research Alliance and the Australian Clinical Trials Alliance
 - the Heart Foundation and the Stroke Foundation to enable consumer engagement and advocacy relating to data security and big-data value
- Use existing clinical registries and cohorts with biobanks to create national online open access resource. For example, there are data from 47,000 patients in individual cohorts from the Australian Cardiovascular Alliance Precision Medicine Flagship, and the Australian STROKE registry has data from more than 100,000 stroke patients



Activities required to support the research and facilitate long-term implementation

- Create large-scale platforms, and integrate data linkage, national biobanks, imaging and online bioresources
- Broad engagement of research, health and industry experts towards goals, to progress grants and present platforms
- Clinical trials network contributing to large-scale national cohort studies (work with the Australian Health Research Alliance and the Australian Clinical Trials Alliance)
- Advocate to consumers regarding data security, and benefits of large-scale data research
- Undertake economic evaluations and impact assessments of new pathways and innovations in prevention





Cardiovascular Health Mission – Current Grant Opportunity

2020 Cardiovascular Health Grant Opportunity (Closes 3 March 2021)

Up to \$20.28 million of funding is available in 2020-21 for three Streams:

- Stream 1: develop novel interventions, including therapeutics and devices, to prevent cardiovascular disease and stroke, including novel interventions that target individuals who experience rapid progression of disease despite best-practice care.
- Stream 2: develop novel treatments and devices to improve outcomes (e.g. reduce complications, length of stay) following acute cardiovascular and stroke events.
- Stream 3: conduct small-scale development projects to establish feasible, evidence based approaches aimed at improving survivorship and reducing morbidity.





Cardiovascular Health Mission Roadmap and Implementation Plan Consultation

- The Cardiovascular Health Mission Roadmap and Implementation Plan underwent international review in late 2020
- The international review panel comprised experts who provided advice in the context of relevant activities occurring internationally, which can inform the strategic direction of the Mission's Roadmap and Implementation Plan
- The Minister for Health is interested in your comments on the Cardiovascular Health Mission Roadmap and Implementation Plan, which will guide future MRFF investments





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International Review Panel and Report



- Minor changes to the Implementation Plan
- Extensive discussion around leveraging broad research sector and intersecting with health/jurisdictions
- No changes were recommended for, or made to, the Roadmap

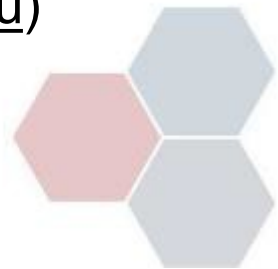




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Consultation – open discussion

- One hour allocated
- Please type questions in the Q&A box provided on the screen
- Questions and feedback will be collated for the presenters to note or discuss
- All submissions can be made through the Consultation Hub on the Department of Health website (www.consultations.health.gov.au)
- **Reminder - online submissions close 23rd April 2021**

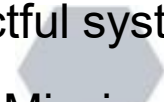




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Consultation questions

- Are the priority areas for investment identified in the implementation plan the most effective way for delivering on the Mission's goal and aims?
- Are there existing research activities which could be utilised to contribute to the Cardiovascular Health Mission Roadmap and/or Implementation Plan aims and priority areas for investment? How can these be leveraged?
- What are the opportunities related to the Mission to better align excellent teams of researchers and health challenges
- How can we move towards a more sustainable and impactful system
- What enabling platforms exist/are required to achieve the Mission goals
- Are the 'Evaluation approach and measures' appropriate for assessing and monitoring progress towards the mission's goal and aims?
- Other?





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How to make it happen: beyond the Mission \$20 Mill pa

- Well articulated goals relevant to all CV researchers
- serving health
- strategic whole-of-pipeline vision and leadership
- connectivity and collaboration
- linkage with established and externally funded research
- industry partnerships
- NCRIS
- ACTA
- AHRA
- measuring impact
- international





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