



Ageing related research

Healthy ageing research is not just about older people, but about the process of ageing across the adult lifespan and inter-generational relationships²

'Ageing well, ageing productively' is identified as one of the priority goals of the Australian Government's National Research Priority—Promoting and maintaining good health¹.

NHMRC has and will continue to work closely with the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing, and the State and Territory governments to develop the research program and present the evidence required in advising governments.

A selection of ageing-related health issues and research funding investment for 2000-2007 are listed below:

Alzheimer's disease and other dementias	
2000	\$2.6m
2001	\$3.8m
2002	\$5.8m
2003	\$6.6m
2004	\$7.0m
2005	\$8.8m
2006	\$11.4m
2007	\$12.9m

Balance /Vertigo	
2000	\$345,880
2001	\$490,856
2002	\$648,671
2003	\$497,717
2004	\$686,002
2005	\$788,350
2006	\$1.5m
2007	\$1.7m

Cancer	
2000	\$27.8m
2001	\$40.5m
2002	\$52.0m
2003	\$68.0m
2004	\$72.6m
2005	\$87.5m
2006	\$99.1m
2007	\$118.6m

Cardiovascular disease	
2000	\$31.6m
2001	\$38.5m
2002	\$41.0m
2003	\$47.2m
2004	\$52.8m
2005	\$65.9m
2006	\$77.9m
2007	\$84.6m

¹ NHMRC Strategic Plan 2007-2009, www.nhmrc.gov.au

² Dept of Health and Ageing: A review of healthy ageing research in Australia, 2000, www.health.gov.au

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Chronic back pain	
2000	\$292,415
2001	\$280,088
2002	\$227,434
2003	\$540,142
2004	\$447,761
2005	\$990,694
2006	\$1.5m
2007	\$1.9m

Fall / Injury	
2000	\$747,832
2001	\$823,555
2002	\$1.8m
2003	\$1.7m
2004	\$1.9m
2005	\$2.3m
2006	\$3.6m
2007	\$2.8m

Fractures	
2000	\$625,177
2001	\$663,026
2002	\$1.7m
2003	\$2.5m
2004	\$3.2m
2005	\$3.6m
2006	\$3.8m
2007	\$3.7m

Joint and bone tissue replacement	
2000	\$572,280
2001	\$833,050
2002	\$713,458
2003	\$745,453
2004	\$696,204
2005	\$590,668
2006	\$781,197
2007	\$1.0m

Osteoarthritis	
2000	\$826,733
2001	\$1.3m
2002	\$1.5m
2003	\$2.2m
2004	\$2.4m
2005	\$4.8m
2006	\$6.0m
2007	\$5.9m

Osteoporosis	
2000	\$1.4m
2001	\$2.1m
2002	\$3.0m
2003	\$4.2m
2004	\$5.4m
2005	\$5.4m
2006	\$5.1m
2007	\$5.6m

Retinal disorders	
2000	\$906,379
2001	\$1.3m
2002	\$2.8m
2003	\$2.5m
2004	\$2.4m
2005	\$3.0m
2006	\$3.3m
2007	\$2.9m

Type 2 diabetes	
2000	\$8.7m
2001	\$10.4m
2002	\$7.8m
2003	\$10.2m
2004	\$12.0m
2005	\$17.4m
2006	\$24.8m
2007	\$28.7m

Figures on all tables are correct as at March 2007. They may differ from previously published figures.

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