



allergy and immunology foundation of australasia

The Allergy and Immunology Foundation of Australasia (AIFA) is an initiative of the Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCIA), the peak professional body for clinical immunology and allergy in Australia and New Zealand.



AIFA is dedicated to improving the health of people with allergy and other immune diseases by funding medical research and raising awareness.

## WHY DO ALLERGY AND OTHER IMMUNE DISEASES MATTER?

These diseases are amongst the fastest growing chronic and complex health conditions affecting 1 in 4 people in Australia and New Zealand.

Allergic disease, and in particular food allergy, is rapidly increasing in young children.

Severe allergic reactions (anaphylaxis) and primary immunodeficiency diseases are potentially life threatening and significantly impair day to day functioning.

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## WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE?

More **research** is urgently needed into:

- understanding why allergy and other immune diseases are increasing so rapidly
- preventing allergy from occurring in the first place
- detecting immune disease through genetic testing and newborn screening for primary immunodeficiency
- potential new treatments and cures for these diseases

High quality **education** programs are needed to:

- increase awareness in the community
- further educate health professionals
- improve access to care

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

**Every dollar counts.**

By donating to AIFA you can help fund **high quality education or research projects**, selected by an expert panel, that have the **greatest potential to assist the 1 in 4 people** in Australia and New Zealand with allergy and other immune diseases.

Donations of \$100 or more are listed on the AIFA website (subject to permission).

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