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## **RACP seeks guarantee that Government will protect medical research funding**

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Australia's largest medical college, the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) has called on the Government to guarantee funding for the Medical Research Future Fund.

RACP President, Professor Nick Talley expressed concern today at a refusal from Health Minister Sussan Ley to guarantee the proceeds of its new bulk billing scheme will go towards medical research, as was originally planned.

"It is critically important that the Government invest in medical research. There is currently a severe lack of funding in this area and the Medical Research Future Fund is vital to ensuring good medical research continues in this country.

"We are calling on the government to protect funding for the Medical Research Future Fund," Professor Talley said.

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