

Media statement
Genomics integrated into healthcare futures
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Industry leaders are collaborating through the Industry Genomics Network Alliance (InGeNA) to quantify the benefits of genomics to Australia and point to a future where precision healthcare is accessible to all.

InGeNA is working with Deloitte Access Economics to develop an evidence base to demonstrate the value of genomics to the economy, society and patient care. It will be the first major program for the Alliance which is partly funded by MTPConnect Industry Growth Centre.

InGeNA Chair David Bunker said members spanned various industries within the genomics supply chain: Diagnostics/pathology, informatics, data and technology, and pharmaceutical.

He said quantifying the benefits of genomics was central to [the InGeNA Strategic Plan](#) published today and would be a major contribution to advancing precision health in Australia.

“While governments are progressing substantial programs of genomics work, we need an evidence base to establish the right policies and mature data infrastructure to integrate genomics into healthcare,” he said. “When it comes to policy and decision-making, we want industry member’s participation into the national agenda.”

The InGeNA Strategic Plan highlights the breadth and range of industry groups committed to working together to bring a shared perspective on critically important areas underpinning the future of genomics, he said.

InGeNA is openly advocating for patient equity and access to personalised healthcare. The Alliance is working with consumer representatives on all programs to ensure a patient-centric approach for all of its activities.

David Bunker said InGeNA would be developing strategies around workforce development, advancing industry skills and knowledge of genomics. “It’s imperative our workforce is ready to deliver care in the age of precision health,” he said.

The InGeNA strategy also highlights data and technology innovation, driving the value of genomics information management and national data infrastructure to support equitable access.

Download the [Strategic Plan here](#).

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About InGeNA

InGeNA is an alliance between a broad group of industry organisations, formed to bring a shared perspective on critically important areas underpinning the future of genomics and the promise of precision health.

InGeNA is a single voice for Australian industry partners contributing to the rapidly developing field of genomics.

Alliance partners share a vision for Australia's leadership in the adoption of genomics in healthcare.

InGeNA is hosted by the Australasian Institute of Digital Health (AIDH) .

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