

The Thoracic Society is delighted that it will be working with the Lung Foundation of Australia, Asthma Australia and a range of health and research partners to design and deliver a suite of education and training offerings for health professionals managing patients with lung conditions. The funding of \$1.4 million to the partnership was announced by [Federal Minister for Health, The Hon. Greg Hunt](#) on Thursday.

Dr Sukhwinder Sohal, Director of TSANZ and Chair of the Education and Training subcommittee, said that the opportunity for TSANZ to lead the development of a competency-based framework for lung health education and training would create national benchmarks in this area for the first time.

“The development of a national education and training competency framework will ensure that best practice and the latest evidence is rapidly translated into clinical care”.

The President of TSANZ, Prof John Upham, welcomed the funding announcement. “The Thoracic Society looks forward to working closely with the Lung Foundation Australia and Asthma Australia and our research and health partners to change the face of the diagnosis and management of individuals with lung conditions,” Prof Upham said.

“This opportunity to co-lead the development of this framework will enhance our continuing focus on ensuring the continued development of the health workforce and ensure that all Australians are able to access the highest quality respiratory healthcare. We are particularly excited to be able to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health networks to reduce the burden of lung conditions in our First Nations peoples.”

The \$1.4 million in funding over two years will support the development of a national competency framework for lung health education and training and to enhance existing opportunities. The funding forms part of the [National Strategic Action Plan for Lung Conditions](#) released by Minister Hunt in 2019.