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## Research boost

➤ **Westmead:** Researchers at the Kids Research Institute were rewarded 17 prestigious Medical Research Council grants worth more than \$12 million. This will benefit research into a number of childhood illnesses and conditions such as kidney disease, neuromuscular disorders and foetal alcohol syndrome, as well as enabling the development of innovative treatments using cell and gene therapies and bone tissue engineering. It aims to achieve better outcomes for children and their families. Funding was given to research projects, a partnership, career development fellowships and two new centres of research excellence. This will provide support for researchers to pursue collaborative research.