

Media Release

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MELBOURNE TO HOST GLOBAL HEALTH SUMMIT

Melbourne's reputation as a global leader in medical research will be further strengthened with the Allan Labor Government announcing the city will host the Global Hepatitis Summit 2027.

Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos today announced that Melbourne's successful bid to host the summit reinforces the city's reputation as a premier destination for global medical conferences – in a win for local hotels, restaurants and businesses.

Secured by the Labor Government through the Melbourne Convention Bureau (MCB) in partnership with the Burnet Institute and the Doherty Institute, the summit is expected to attract almost one thousand attendees from all around the world.

The biennial Global Hepatitis Summit brings together experts and practitioners from around the globe to share the latest developments in liver disease – including viral hepatitis, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease and hepatocellular carcinoma. It's also an opportunity for attendees from diverse fields to share knowledge and collaborate on research over four days.

The 2027 summit will showcase Melbourne's globally recognised research facilities and promote Australia as a world-renowned location for hepatitis research – underscoring Victoria's reputation as a hub of medical research excellence.

The summit adds to an impressive line-up of international medical events coming to the city in the next two years, including the World Cancer Leaders' Summit 2025, the World Congress of Gastroenterology 2025 and the International Diabetes Federation's Western Pacific Regional Congress 2026.

Quote attributable to Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos

"By bringing experts from around the world to Melbourne for a four-day conference, we're backing local hotels, restaurants and attractions who will reap the rewards – and this is just one of many global conferences coming to our city that will bring people from all around the globe."

Quote attributable to Minister for Health Mary-Anne Thomas

"Victoria remains a global leader in medical research and health excellence – the Global Hepatitis Summit will be an opportunity for experts in the field to share knowledge and collaborate in the health capital of Australia."

Quote attributable to Minister for Economic Growth and Jobs Danny Pearson

"Our exceptional infrastructure, facilities and medical research community are key factors in making Melbourne a hub of excellence in this sector – and events like this only strengthen our reputation."

Quote to be attributed to Melbourne Convention Bureau Chief Executive Julia Swanson

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"Melbourne continues to grow an international reputation as a hub for medical research conferences and we're excited to add this summit to a fantastic pipeline of upcoming events in the field."

Quote attributable to Doherty Institute Director Professor Sharon Lewin

"Melbourne offers an excellent environment for this event, with its state-of-the-art facilities, vibrant academic community and proven track record in hosting international conferences. This event will be a landmark moment in the global fight against hepatitis."

Quote attributable to Burnet Institute Director Professor Brendan Crabb

"The Global Hepatitis Summit is an opportunity to bring together hepatitis researchers from across the world, and for the Victorian and Australian medical research community to showcase our research capabilities and to meet and collaborate with like-minded researchers to address this global health issue."