

Dust Diseases Care – fact sheet

Support organisations

Dust Diseases Care understands that if you're living with a dust disease you may be experiencing significant changes to both your physical and emotional wellbeing.

Support organisations offer a safe and understanding community of people who are also experiencing what it means to be diagnosed and living with a dust disease. Support organisations provide an opportunity to talk directly to someone who understands, shares your experiences, listen to others and ask questions. The contact you have with support organisations and the networks you'll form with people also living with a dust disease can help you with your wellbeing.

For your family, support organisations can connect them with other families who also have a loved one with a dust disease. It provides an opportunity for your family to ask questions and find out what to expect throughout this journey and how they can best support you.

There are a number of services and programs available to you and your family, including those offered by community and not for profit support organisations. Dust Diseases Care supports three organisations, providing you with the choice and information to access the services and programs each provide if you need them.

Asbestos Diseases Foundation of Australia Inc (ADFA)

adfa is a not for profit community based organisation providing support to people with an asbestos-related disease, as well as offering ongoing support for families, carers, and friends. The foundation was founded by members of trade unions, people with asbestos-related disease and their families and concerned citizens. The support is provided by counsellors and adfa members who either have an asbestos-related disease or relatives of people who had asbestos-related disease.

adfa offers a membership to people looking to become part of a community which offers support services, the most current information regarding medical treatment and research and guidance on where to find expert legal advice.

Call: **02 9637 8759**

Helpline: **1800 006 196**

Website: **adfa.org.au/services/support-groups**

Asbestos Diseases Research Institute (ADRI)

ADRI is a charitable, not-for-profit foundation dedicated to translating new research insights into support services provided by experienced Mesothelioma Support Coordinators. This organisation offers people who are currently living with mesothelioma and their families' access to assistance from ADRI Mesothelioma Support Coordinators.

The Coordinators are there for each step of the journey, recognising that those affected by mesothelioma experience varied symptoms throughout this time. The ADRI tailor assistance for individuals and their families, liaising with professional agencies, as well as providing access to a developed 'well living support programme' for survivors and carers.

The Mesothelioma Support Coordinators are available via telephone Monday to Friday to provide face to face appointments and schedule group meetings for those living with mesothelioma, and their carers.

Call: **02 9767 9800** | 9am-3pm / Monday-Friday

Website: **adri.org.au**

Email: **info@adri.org.au**

Facebook: ADRI - Asbestos Diseases Research Institute

Bernie Banton Foundation (BBF)

The BBF is a not for profit organisation offering peer-based support and information along with referral and advocating services. The foundation's primary goal is to assist you to navigate this difficult journey and to enable you to have choices and options when it comes to medical specialists and specialist asbestos litigators. The BBF will liaise with hospitals, cancer centres and palliative care networks on behalf of those with an asbestos-related disease.

They provide private Facebook membership for people with mesothelioma, their partners, children and carers to connect, share and support those who are living through a similar experience. BBF also provides over the phone support, face to face meetings and community events for both you and your family. A 24hour support helpline is also available.

Call: **1800 031 731** | **0418 319 757** (within Australia)
+61 418 319 757 (international)

Email: **angels@berniebantton.com.au**

Website: **berniebantton.com.au**

Facebook: Bernie Banton Foundation

Mesothelioma and Asbestos Related Support
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Would you like more information?

If you have any questions at all or would like more information, please contact Dust Diseases Care by calling **(02) 8223 6600** or **1800 550 027** (toll free) or emailing **DDCenquiries@icare.nsw.gov.au**
Our office hours are Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm