

27 July 2015

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Dear Ms Doherty

Re: Investigation into the death of ANDREW J GRIFFITH (Ref COR 2011 2323)

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners ("the College") acknowledges receipt of your letter dated 30 March 2015 regarding the death of Andrew J Griffith (Court ref: 2011 2323).

Pursuant to Section 72(2) of the Coroners Act 2008, the College responds the recommendations as follows:

Recommendation 1

Promote utilisation of the National Heart Foundation educational resources on signs of a heart attack

The RACGP will issue a reminder to GPs of the availability of the educational resources for medical professionals through the Heart Foundation (www.heartfoundation.org.au) including the *Toolkit for general practice* and the BeAWARE online learning module.

We will achieve this by placing a relevant item in the August RACGP Victorian Faculty newsletter.

Recommendation 2

Emphasise the importance of a clearly articulated management plan if symptoms are unrelieved by the implemented treatment.

Recommendation 3

Emphasise the importance of vital sign documentation in the medical record

Recommendation 4

Emphasise the dangers of accepting an anxiety disorder as an explanation for clinical symptoms

We have passed Recommendations 2, 3 and 4 to the RACGP Curriculum Renewal Project 2015 with specific reference to the following Domains of General Practice:

Domain 1 - Communication skills and the patient-doctor relationship

Domain 2 - Applied professional knowledge and skills

We will also pass these recommendations on to Regional Training Providers, the organisations who are responsible for the delivery of vocational training for medical graduates wishing to specialise in general practice.

Should you or the Coroner wish to discuss this further, please contact the RACGP Victoria Faculty on 03 8699 0468.

Yours sincerely



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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. C. Rawlin'.

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