

4 December 2018

Sanchia Nigli  
Coroners Registrar  
Coroners Court of Victoria  
65 Kavanagh Street  
Southbank VIC 3006

Dear Ms Nigli,

**Re: Court ref: COR 2014 000201– Baby W**

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) acknowledges receipt of your letter dated 17 October 2018 regarding the death of Baby W (Court ref: COR 2014 000201).

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

**Recommendation**

***That the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners develop a RACGP website link to the ‘Substance Use during Pregnancy’ information.***

The RACGP provided members with information on Substance Use in Pregnancy. This was achieved by placing an item in the RACGP In Practice newsletter available on the RACGP website, please refer to Attachment 1.

Should you or the Coroner wish to discuss this further, please contact RACGP Victoria on (03) 8699 0303.

Yours sincerely



**Dr Cameron Loy**  
Chair, RACGP Victoria

Attachment 1 – RACGP *InPractice* item



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## Attachment 1 – RACGP *InPractice* newsletter article

### Substance use during pregnancy

The Coroners Court of Victoria recently made a recommendation to the RACGP following the death of a newborn. The Coroner has asked the RACGP to remind its members to refer to information on substance use during pregnancy, available at the [health.vic website](http://health.vic website).

The information includes advice for the antenatal, perinatal and postpartum management of infants and mothers with a chemical dependency.

GPs can also refer to the [Guidelines for preventive activities in general practice](#) 9th edition (the Red book) for further advice on preventive activities and preconception care.

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