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Dear Coroner's Registrar Doolan

**Re: Court ref: COR 2017 000486 and COR 2017 000485 Investigation into death of Aziza Beck and Aish Beck**

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) thanks the Coroners Court of Victoria for the letter dated 05 May 2021 regarding the investigation into death of Aziza Beck and Aish Beck

**Requested response to the following recommendations:**

*102. As such, I recommend that the RACGP consider issuing or updating practice guidelines to GPs treating patients who are prescribed psychotropic medication to incorporate a flag or alert in their patient management software systems to prompt a follow-up for patients who require a repeat script or mental health review.*

**RACGP Response pursuant to section 72(2) of the Act:**

Alert and recall and reminder systems are already in place in General Practice software and form part of the Standards for general practice. In regard to clinical guidance on prescribing, many different organisations including Australian Medicines Handbook, National Prescribing Service and the privately published Therapeutic Guidelines provide prescribing and therapeutic advice alongside the registered Product Information and Consumer Medicines Information details provided by the manufacturer.

In this particular case, it appears the patient's non usual GP made an appropriate call to provide a limited prescription. Limiting the prescription quantity also acts as a trigger for a review as the patient would have run out of medication in 28 days.

We will share the findings within relevant areas of the RACGP responsible for developing guidelines and advising on GP software development.

We also note and appreciate the Coroner's support for our proposal to introduce new Medicare item numbers to better support the role of GPs in delivering mental health care.

We hope that this information is useful. If you have any further questions about the above, please contact RACGP Victoria State Manager Kon Kakris via [kon.kakris@racgp.org.au](mailto:kon.kakris@racgp.org.au)



Yours sincerely

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