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Coroners Court of Victoria
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Dear Senior Coroner's Registrar Carbone,

Re: Court ref: COR 2019 004539 – Investigation onto the death of Catherin D'Rozario

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) thanks the Coroners Court of Victoria for the letter dated 12 January 2021 regarding the investigation into the death of Catherin D'Rozario.

We note that the original response was due 12 April 2021, subsequently extended by 3 months to 1 October 2021 upon request from the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP).

Requested responses to the following recommendation:

- (1) That, in order to reduce the risk of harm associated with food allergies and anaphylaxis that the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, the Royal College of Physicians and in consultation with the Australian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy work collaboratively towards educating their members and fellows of the dangers and that they consider referring all patients (especially children and young persons) who present with food allergies to a specialist immunologist or immunology clinic such as that at the Royal Children's Hospital for assessment and management of such allergies.*

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

The RACGP Victoria is working collaboratively with the RACP and the Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCIA) to further educate our members and fellows of the dangers of, and the need to appropriately refer, all patients (especially children and young persons) presenting with food allergies to a specialist immunologist or immunology clinic.

The RACGP Victoria, together with RACP and ASCIA, will work toward the accreditation and co-promotion of updated ASCIA educational resources for our members and fellows. We support the coroners second recommendation that ASCIA, the Victorian Department of Education and the Victorian Department of Health develop relevant educational materials directed to all schools and universities communities.

Th RACGP Victoria will raise awareness of your recommendation with our members via a newsletter to be published on 21 October 2021.

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.

Yours sincerely



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