



Office of the Dean

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Darren J Bracken, Coroner
Coroners Court of Victoria
65 Kavanagh Street
Southbank Victoria 3006

Via email: cpuresponses@coronerscourt.vic.gov.au

Dear Coroner,

Re: Investigation into the death of Catherin D'Rozario COR 2019 004539 – RACP response

In response to the letter of the 12 January 2021 to the CEO regarding recommendations made as a result of the Finding without inquest into the death of Catherin D'Rozario, thank you for granting an extension until 1 October 2021 (per communication 1 July 2021). Please find the Royal Australasian College of Physicians response as follows.

Of the two recommendations provided in the report 'Finding into Death Without Inquest' one recommendation (1) is specific to the RACP:

- (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.*

The College can confirm that having liaised with the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners and the Australian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy, ASCIA resources have now been added to *The Resourceful Physician* at RACP Online Learning. This repository contains a range of external resources which have been recommended for RACP members.

<https://elearning.racp.edu.au/mod/data/view.php?d=52&rid=1866>

The RACP President's eBulletin published this week, draws attention of all RACP members and fellows to the importance of your recommendation, highlights the risk of harm associated with food allergies and anaphylaxis and promotes consideration of referring all patients (especially children and young persons) who present with food allergies to a specialist immunologist or immunology clinic.

[The Presidents Message \(racp.edu.au\)](http://racp.edu.au)

The College Learning Series Committee (PCH) has agreed to add the topic 'Food allergy and anaphylaxis' for Paediatrics in 2022. A College Learning Series online video resource will be filmed and this we will arrange for this to include a section specifically highlighting the dangers and consideration of referring all patients who present with food allergies to a specialist immunologist or immunology clinic. This will be in place by December 2022 and is targeted specifically to Basic Trainees, but all RACP Trainees and Fellows have free access to this online resource.

This recommendation has also been referred to the Curriculum Renewal Committee for consideration in updating and renewing the aspects of the curricula pertaining to food allergies and anaphylaxis for Basic Training and relevant Advanced Training at an appropriate time in the curriculum renewal cycle.

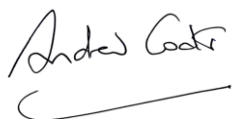
Of recommendation (2) in your report 'Finding into Death Without Inquest'

- (2) *That the Australian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy, the Victoria Department of Education and the Victorian Department of Health consult widely and work collaboratively towards establishing an educational program directed to parents, teacher and students of school and universities alerting them to the potentially fatal consequences of food allergies and anaphylaxis.*

The Royal Australasian College of Physicians support this initiative.

Should you have any questions, please contact us via email at Dean.RACP@racp.edu.au

Yours sincerely



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