



16 March 2018

Coroner Ms Rosemary Carlin
Coroners Court of Victoria
65 Kavanagh Street
SOUTH BANK VIC 3006

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

Dear Coroner Carlin

**Re: Investigation into the Death of Lachlan Black (COR 2014 004205)
Response to Recommendation**

I write further to receipt by the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine (ACEM; the College) of correspondence dated 18 December 2017 enclosing your findings into the death of Lachlan Black.

As you are aware, ACEM is one of three specialist medical colleges that are the subject of Recommendation 1, which states:

That each of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioner, the Royal College of Physicians (Paediatric and Child Health Division) and the Australian College for Emergency Medicine consider the educational opportunities posed by the circumstances of this case in particular in relation to the recognition of the possibility of sepsis despite absence of fever and despite the apparent existence of a viral illness.

I advise that your findings have been forwarded to both the Council of Education (COE) and the Council of Advocacy, Practice and Partnership (CAPP) for their consideration. I note that CAPP has referred the matter to the Quality Management Subcommittee, which acts as a formal link between the College and external bodies on matters relating to quality within the practice of emergency medicine and emergency medicine physicians in particular. It is, however, also acknowledged that most hospitals will have their own guidelines relating to sepsis and the presentation of patients to an Emergency Department following recent discharge.

COE has been asked to consider the extent to which recognition of the possibility of sepsis in the circumstances posed by the case is adequately addressed within the learning outcomes of the FACEM (Specialist) Training Program.

Should you require any additional information from ACEM, please contact the College Chief Executive Officer, Dr Peter White (t: +61 3 9320 0444 e: ceo@acem.org.au).

Yours sincerely

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