

10 February 2018

Ali Frazer
Coroners Registrar
Coroners Court of Victoria
65 Kavanagh Street
Southbank VIC 3006

Dear Ms Frazer,

Re: Court ref: COR 2015 001527– Margaret E Barton

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) acknowledges receipt of your letter dated 1 December 2017 regarding the death of Margaret E Barton (Court ref: COR 2015 001527).

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 use this case as an educational tool for members to highlight the complexity of care requirements, and to demonstrate the importance of appropriate dementia management, the importance of early escalation of care to specialist services, adequate communication between health services and practitioners, and appropriate prescribing and follow up.

The RACGP has initiated work on the update of the Medical care of older persons in residential aged care facilities, the Silver Book. The Coroner's finding into the death of Margaret E Barton and subsequent recommendation will be referred to the RACGP working group for consideration in the development of the next edition of the Silver Book.

Referral will also be made to the RACGP Specific Interests, Aged Care Network.

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