



# The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists®

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Dr Josh Munro  
Coroners Registrar  
Coroners Court of Victoria  
65 Kavanagh Street  
SOUTHBANK VIC 3006

Dear Mr Munro,

**Re: COR 2015 003645**

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists (The College) would like to thank the Coroners Court of Victoria for the recommendation and opportunity to educate our members further on the critical issue of communication via the written radiology report.

In January 2017 the College released a revised version of its 2011 Written Report Guidelines, and is finalising the development of an interactive web - based educational module on this same topic for its members and trainees.

The educational module will cover, amongst several other recommendations from the original guideline, and salient to this Coronial matter, the importance of :

- Inclusion of all important information in report conclusions as well as the report body because it is clear that the conclusion is the part of the report that is focussed upon, and unfortunately, in some cases, the only part that is read
- Documentation of the exact nature of the effect of technical limitations of a study on its accuracy or interpretation; in particular, whether the technical limitations of the particular study are so significant as to prevent the clinical question being answered accurately
- Documentation of the exact nature of verbal or written critical test result communications that occur separate from the issued report and the time, date, and individuals involved in this communication

The College anticipates the educational module will be available on the College learning management system (LMS) by late 2017.

We recognise the Coroner's reports as valued educational material for our membership, and are pleased to facilitate the continual improvement of the practices and standards of our profession.

Yours sincerely

Prof Stacy Goergen  
Chair, Safety, Quality and Standards Committee  
23 May 2017

