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The Faculty of Clinical Radiology

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Dear Ms Meggetto,

**Re: COR 2015 4604**

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists (RANZCR) would like to thank the Coroners Court of Victoria for the recommendation and opportunity to educate our members further on reporting of incidental meningiomas.

The report has been considered by the Faculty of Clinical Radiology's Safety, Quality and Standards Committee, who have determined that the coroner's recommendation is unable to be implemented. The Committee believe that insufficient information has been provided in the report to justify the development of a guideline regarding the reporting of incidental meningiomas or any other brain neoplasm in relation to radiologist recommendations for follow up.

It was noted by the Committee that there are a very small percentage of incidentally discovered meningiomas of this size that become clinically relevant and warrant clinical follow-up. A recommendation could be neurological or neurosurgical follow-up; however, imaging follow-up alone would not be useful and an evidence-based recommendation about an appropriate follow up interval cannot be provided.

The Committee agreed that it is not the role of the clinical radiologist—nor within their expertise—to advise a referring clinician regarding appropriate management of brain tumours, including follow-up. This should rely upon the expertise and judgment of the referring clinician, considering the patient's clinical presentation and medical history, who has the option to refer the patient to an appropriate specialist for further advice as required.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please feel free to contact me via Dr Philip Munro, Manager, Quality and Standards, on 02 9268 9763 or [drphilip.munro@ranzcr.edu.au](mailto:drphilip.munro@ranzcr.edu.au)

Kind regards,

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