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Dear Ms Meggetto

Court Ref: COR 2016 000975

I write in response to your letter received 18 August 2017 concerning the Investigation into the death of Magdalena Dorter, which included a recommendation made under section 72(2) of the *Coroners Act 2008* (Vic) directed to the Council of Presidents of Medical Colleges as a public entity.

The Council of Presidents of Medical Colleges has given consideration to the report and both of the recommendations outlined in the report, noting recommendation two applies to the Council.

The Council notes the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care is currently undertaking development work on a Clinical Care Standard on Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) Prevention following the withdrawal of the National Health and Medical Research Council's clinical practice guideline on the prevention of VTE patients admitted to hospital. Consultation is currently underway until 30 September 2017 with a planned release in 2018.

The Council of Presidents of Medical Colleges considers the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care as the appropriate entity to undertake the developmental work. Clinical care standards while identifying significant variation in practice, also provides the evidence necessary to steer treatment practice.

The Council of Presidents of Medical Colleges supports the development of the clinical care standard on Venous Thromboembolism and will encourage its dissemination nationally once completed.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Magarry', is displayed on a light blue rectangular background.

Ms Angela Magarry FCHSM
Chief Executive