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Dear Coroner's Registrar Hajdari

**Re: Court ref: COR 2019 003365 – Finding into death without inquest of [REDACTED]**

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) thanks the Coroners Court of Victoria for the letter 18 November 2022 regarding the Investigation into the death of [REDACTED]

**Requested responses to the following recommendation:**

1. *The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners highlight to its Fellows and members the higher prevalence of suicide by males than females in the community and in particular the increase in prevalence as men age. That the College recommend to its Fellows and members the desirability of proactive timely follow-up of males who present with suicide ideation, a history of such ideation, indicators of depression or a history of suicide attempts and that if a timely follow-up is unavailable refer such patients to an appropriate service which can facilitate such a timely follow-up.*

**RACGP Responses pursuant to section 72(2) of the Act:**

In addition to the following RACGP resources:

- [Guidelines for preventive activities in general practice](#)
  - Suicide: identifying risk (p.317)
  - Tests to detect suicide risk (p.318)
- General Practice Mental Health standards Collaboration [Suicide prevention and first aid: A resource for GPs](#)
- National guide to a preventive health assessment for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, Chapter 17: Mental health - [Prevention of suicide](#)

RACGP Victoria has published the following statement in its February 2023 member newsletter

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We hope that this information is useful. If you have any further questions about the above, please contact RACGP Victoria State Manager Kon Kakris via [kon.kakris@racgp.org.au](mailto:kon.kakris@racgp.org.au).

Yours sincerely

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