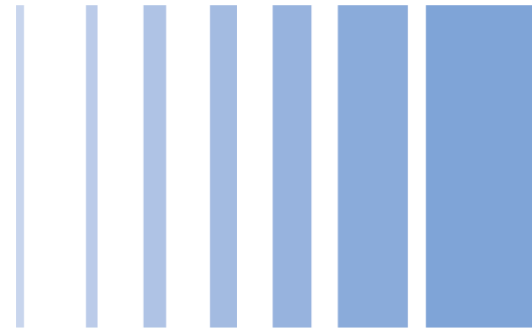




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Dear Coroner,

Response from the Australian Resuscitation Council

Investigation into the death of James Tsindos

Ref: COR 2021 002798

Re: Recommendation 8

With a view to enhancing acute cardiac resuscitations consistent with the advice of Professor Jo-Anne Douglass, I recommend that the Australian Resuscitation Council give consideration to reviewing its guidelines related to asthma and anaphylaxis settings, including whether there should be separate guidance for the resuscitation of primary respiratory arrest.

The Australian Resuscitation Council in collaboration with the New Zealand Resuscitation Council publish guidelines as the Australian and New Zealand Committee on Resuscitation (ANZCOR). The ANZCOR Advanced Life Support Special Circumstances Guideline 11.10 (<https://www.anzcor.org/home/adult-advanced-life-support/guideline-11-10-resuscitation-in-special-circumstances>) which includes asthma and anaphylaxis was extensively revised and published in April 2025. This was after the hearings into the death of James Tsindos and prior to the Coroner's recommendations. The 2025 revision addresses the Coroner's recommendation. While ANZCOR does not believe there should be "separate guidance for the resuscitation of primary respiratory arrest" related to anaphylaxis we agree there is potential for further Guideline improvement. In addition to the 2025 revision, and in collaboration with Professor Jo-Anne Douglass, a 2026 revision is in draft. This has additional emphasis on the management of the airway and ventilation if airway issues or bronchospasm are major components of anaphylaxis. We will advise when this 2026 revision is completed and published on the ANZCOR website.

Yours sincerely,



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