

Ms Janet Lee
Coroners Registrar
Coroners Court of Victoria

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Dear Ms Lee

INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF MALAKAI CROSS-DE JESUS
CORONERS REF: COR 2023 004003
RCH RESPONSE TO CORONER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

My name is Ed Oakley. I am currently the Executive Director Strategy, Planning and Improvement & Chief of Critical Care at The Royal Children's Hospital (**RCH**). My qualifications are MBBS DMedSci FACEM.

I provide this statement in response to the following recommendation made by Coroner Giles in the Findings into the death of Malakai Cross-De Jesus: -

"That the Royal Children's Hospital formulate a statewide Clinical Practice Guideline (or update the existing "Blood product prescription" Clinical Practice Guideline) regarding neonatal/paediatric patients who trigger criteria for a massive transfusion protocol response, including the stocking or sourcing of rFVIIa (Novoseven)".

RCH is considering implementing the recommendation.

Unresolved issues include the need to bring together the groups crossing newborn and paediatric domains. Discussion on how to progress will follow this group being convened.

PIPER is part of a neonatal advisory group representing hospitals providing levels 4, 5 and 6 of neonatal care. It is planned that RCH will consult with the neonatal advisory group and the Victorian Paediatric Clinical Network in order to commence this large body of work crossing these two clinical specialties.

We expect the timeframe for the above consultation phase to take approximately six (6) months, following which, we anticipate being able to make a decision about the recommended intervention.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. O'Leary', with a stylized, cursive script.

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