

Your Reference: COR 2025 003186

Our Reference: DHM-260700038

Niels Gabriels
Coroner's Registrar
Coroners Court of Victoria
Via email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Gabriels

COR 2025 003186 - White-Wolf McLellan

Thank you for providing Coroner Audrey Jamieson's finding without inquest into the death of White-Wolf McLellan. On behalf of Safer Care Victoria, I extend our sincere condolences to Ms McLellan's family, loved ones and all those affected by her passing.

Coroner Jamieson made the following recommendation to Safer Care Victoria:

In the interests of preventing like deaths and promoting public health and safety, I recommend that Safer Care Victoria consider incorporating recommendations for VTE prophylaxis in patients with lower limb trauma requiring immobilisation but not admission in the next iteration of the Victorian Guideline for the Prevention of Venous Thromboembolism in Adult Hospitalised Patients.

Safer Care Victoria acknowledges the Coroner's recommendation and has carefully considered the matters raised.

Safer Care Victoria published the Victorian Guideline for the Prevention of Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) in Adult Hospitalised Patients in August 2023. Although the guideline is primarily directed to hospitalised adult patients, it also addresses patients who leave the Emergency Department with an immobilised lower limb injury and are therefore managed as outpatients after discharge.

Section 7.3.9 of the guideline states that VTE prophylaxis is not recommended for patients with isolated, uncomplicated lower limb injury in the absence of additional patient-related risk factors. The guideline also recognises that patients with lower limb injury requiring immobilisation or who are non-weight bearing may have an increased risk of deep vein thrombosis, and it supports a risk-based approach to decision-making at transition of care.

Where additional baseline risk factors are present, such as obesity, recent surgery, previous VTE or thrombophilia, the guideline provides a risk stratification flowchart for Emergency Department discharges to support an active clinical decision regarding prophylaxis. The surgical section of the guideline also outlines principles for perioperative prophylaxis and highlights higher-risk surgical cohorts where individual assessment and tailored prophylaxis are required.

Having carefully considered the recommendation, Safer Care Victoria believes the recommendation has been met through the existing guideline, which can be found here: [Victorian Guideline for the Prevention of Venous Thromboembolism in Adult Hospitalised Patients | S...](#)

Should you have any queries, please contact Meri Talevski, Senior Project Officer at [REDACTED]

I trust this response is of assistance to the Court, and I thank the Court for the opportunity to respond to the recommendation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Louise McKinlay', written in a cursive style.

Louise McKinlay
Chief Executive Officer
Safer Care Victoria
Date: 10/ 07/ 2026