

Ms Samatha Goward
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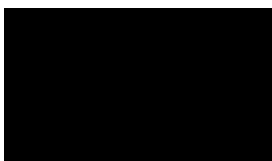
13th September 2024

Dear Ms Goward,

Further to your Prevention of Future Deaths Notice following the conclusion of your inquest (30th July 2024) into the death of Derryck Lynn Crocker who died on 10th May 2023, we like to extend our sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Crocker.

We note the known rare side-effect of an air embolism following lung biopsy occurred outside of the emergency department. Emergency physicians are aware of the possibility of air embolism following invasive procedures such as the insertion of central lines and therefore take precautions, such as 'head down' positioning, to prevent this. However, we are grateful to you for highlighting this tragic case and we intend to raise awareness of the condition of air embolism amongst RCEM members by re-issuing a previously published case report involving air embolism as well as considering providing specific guidance on the recognition and management of air embolism on our RCEM eLearning educational platform.

Yours sincerely,



Chair, Quality in Emergency Care Committee