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Dear Norfolk Coroner team,

The Royal College of Physicians (RCP) notes the content of the Regulation 28 report for the prevention of future deaths related to the death of Derryck Lynn Crocker.

We send our sincere condolences to the family.

We recognise that air embolus is a serious but rare complication of invasive procedures.

For trainees in respiratory medicine their curriculum states related to lung biopsy:
“Trainees must be able to outline the indications for these procedures and recognise the importance of valid consent, aseptic technique, safe use of analgesia and local anaesthetics, minimisation of patient discomfort, and requesting help when appropriate. For all practical procedures, the trainee must be able to recognise complications and respond appropriately if they arise, including calling for help from colleagues in other specialties when necessary”.

In addition, air embolus is a recognised complication of central line infection and all physician trainees at Internal Medicine Stage 1, with similar guidance in their curriculum.

We would support the British Thoracic Society recommendation of an NHS Patient Safety Alert to raise wider awareness.

Please confirm receipt of this email.

Kind regards,
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