

# Coroner's reports

## Notes for preparation of reports:

- Bear in mind the audience is non-medical and may include friends and family of the deceased. Take care to remain sensitive whilst factually accurate and use plain English where possible.
- Use narrative to summarise consultations or condition management; do not attach notes unless specifically requested to do so.
- If wanting to include details of discussions or events that are not documented in your notes, use the preface "I recall".
- Include full name of other clinicians involved in care and consider asking them to review draft for accuracy before submitting.
- Where relevant, clearly document the suicide assessment risks that were carried out.
- It is strongly recommended that you submit your draft report to your medical indemnifier for review before submitting final copy to the Coroner.

## Reference

RNZCGP Newsletter 25/3/21