



CITY OF MELBOURNE

TEL. CENTRAL 8666 (6 LINES)
ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
HEALTH DEPARTMENT.
BOX 1603 M., G.P.O., MELBOURNE, C.I.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

TOWN HALL CHAMBERS.

18th December, 1940.

Dear Dr. Mackay,

Thank you very much for your letter and the
leaflets.

I am ashamed that I have not had a talk to
you and discussed the possibilities of more active assistance, but,
as you may know, I have been very "distracted" of late; perhaps
after Christmas you would be good enough to give me an interview?

Yours sincerely,

Medical Officer of Health.

Dr. C. V. Mackay,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria,
c/o Royal Australian College of Surgeons,
Spring Street,
MELBOURNE, C.I.

MOH/BAN

17th December, 1940.

Dr. John Dale, O.B.E., M.D.,
Medical Officer of Health,
Health Department,
Town Hall Chambers,
MELBOURNE, C.I.

Dear Dr. Dale,

Many thanks for your letter of the 15th
inst.

I have forwarded to your office one
hundred copies of the booklet recently published by
the Anti-Cancer Council. It is entitled "What every
adult should know about Cancer."

I had already written to the Medical
Officers of Health and to the Health Inspectors of
Victoria and enclosed two copies of the booklet. So
far the response has been meagre.

I am attempting as much publicity as
possible through the lay press. The Council is par-
ticularly anxious to assist indigent cancer sufferers
and to obtain early treatment for all cancer patients.

I shall be most grateful for your co-
operation in assisting the work of the Anti-Cancer
Council.

A notice is enclosed showing the objectives
of the publication of the booklet.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. Mackay,



CITY OF MELBOURNE

HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

TOWN HALL CHAMBERS,

13th December, 1940.

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
BOX 1603 M., G.P.O., MELBOURNE, C.1.

Dear Dr. Mackay,

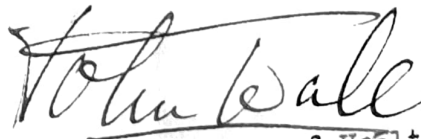
We occasionally get enquiries at the office here for pamphlets about cancer.

I do not know if your Council have considered the possibility of the distribution of your literature through municipal Public Health Departments, and I would not like to express an opinion as to whether, under existing conditions, it would be wise to undertake it.

Generally speaking, however, the Health Office of the Local Authority should function in that way, and does already distribute some literature on health and hygiene.

At this office we get a considerable number of enquiries and I, personally, would be glad to have at least a small stock of your literature and in general to assist the work of the Council in any way I can.

Yours sincerely,


Medical Officer of Health.

Dr. C. V. Mackay,
Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria,
Spring Street, MELBOURNE, C.1.

MOH/BAN

Dec 9th

Dear Mr. Richards

Would you kindly send
me the booklet on anti-cancer.

I am.

Gratefully Yours.

Ms D. Donald.

94 Durham Rd
Sunshine

①
12/12/40

INFORMATION BUREAU,

9th November, 1940.

Miss A. Douglas,
16 Olinda Street,
Quarry Hill,
B E N D I G O.

Dear Miss Douglas,

I have much pleasure in sending you a copy of our booklet on cancer. You will find nearly all the information required in it.

I regret to say that the exact cause of cancer and the means by which it can be prevented have not yet been discovered. Some cancers can definitely be cured; much depends, of course, upon the duration of the disease before treatment is commenced.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. Mackay, M.D.,
Executive Medical Officer.

November 8. 1940.

To. Secretary,
of Cancer Information Bureau;

Dear Secy | Having read in our local Bendigo
daily press, of your booklet,
"What adults should know about cancer"
and your kind offer to supply booklet free
on application;

I would like a copy of booklet, please;
sent to my address (below).

So many people I knew, have died from cancer;
& friends suffering at present; - that
I would like to know, if there is a discovered
cause, cure & prevention of cancer: -

Thanking you, for offer,
Respectfully.

(Miss) A. Douglas
16. Olinda Street
Quarry Hill
Bendigo: Victoria:

21-10-40

Cancer Inf. Bureau
Royal Aust. College
of Surgeons
Spring St
Melb.

Dear Sirs:-

I'm desirous of
obtaining a copy of your
Booklet entitled:
"What every adult should know about Cancer
-admitting etc. I have read
suggest we write for a copy.

Thanking you in advance,
Very truly yours

Joseph Higgins
202 Swan St
Richmond

Plent ①

25-10-40 E.I.

Stuidley Park Road
Kew. E.4

21/10/40

Royal Australian College of Surgeons

Dear Sir:

In answer to your article
recently published in the paper I
herewith apply for the free book
on ~~o~~ Cancer.

Yours Faithfully
K. J. Deagan

7. Murray St.

Colac. 16/10/40

①
" Royal College of Surgeons "

Dear Sirs,

would you please forward me hand
book on "Career" re your advertisement,

Thanking you,

(Mrs. J. Dickson)

7. Murray St

Colac.

②
sent
10/10

✓

"Bernard"
40 Austin St
Fairfield
Vic

10th Oct

Would you kindly forward
me any information on the
subject of cancer, as I
noticed by the Age of last week
you have papers etc they
may be help full, I am being
treated for ulcers of the
stomach, & I feel very sick

Yours Res
Mrs Jay D'Angue

(no letter)

forward any
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Information Bureau?

24th September, 1940.

Kenneth N. Dunt, Esq.,
18 Station Street,
SANDRINGHAM, S.S.

Dear Mr. Dunt,

I am very pleased to send, with the compliments of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria, a copy of our handbook on Cancer.

The book is meant solely for adults and I should think that it was almost impossible to simplify the information for presentation to pupils of the ages you mention. You must, however, use your own discretion after careful reading of the contents.

Exposure to sun and wind for prolonged periods might be stressed as being harmful, and a probable causative factor in skin blemishes leading to cancer in later years. Skin cancer is stated to be of more than average frequency in Australia.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. Mackay, M.D.,
Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

CVM.MD

Enclosure.

18 Station Street,
Sandringham, N. S.,
24th September, 1940.

The Secretary,
The Anti-Cancer Council,
Melbourne.

Dear Sir,

I would be pleased if you would forward me a copy of your handbook, "What Every Adult Should Know About Cancer".

As a teacher of the Victorian Education Department, would it be possible for me to simplify the information for presentation to pupils whose ages vary from 11 to 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ years?

Thanking you,
I remain,

Yours truly,
Kenneth N. Dunt.

10 Blyth St
 Brunswick
 No
25/8/40

Dear Sir,
 In reply to your letter dated

21/8/40

My permanent address is 10 Blyth St Brunswick

My wife, Lucy Alice Dalton resides at
 the same address

The address of a close friend would be
 unnecessary - Please communicate with
 my wife.

3 D. J. N. Burgess - 25 Mitchell St
 Brunswick

4 Rev Hartshorn Methodist minister
 Sydney Rd Brunswick Methodist Ch -

Yours faithfully

William H. Dalton.

SURGICAL FOLLOW UP DEPARTMENT

While you were an in-patient at this Hospital, a short list of addresses should have been obtained from you. Unfortunately the opportunity was missed, and as your disease is of a serious character and may possibly recur, we would be pleased if you would assist this follow-up department by supplying the following information:-

(1) Is this your permanent address?

.....

(2) The name and address of a relative or close friend.

.....

(3) The name and address of your private medical practitioner or Lodge doctor.

.....

(4) The name and address of your minister of religion or parish priest, if you are known to him.

.....

This information is mainly for your own benefit, and enables us to keep a close watch on your progress.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. Mackay, M.D.

P.S. A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed for your reply.

19th August, 1940.

Mr. Leo. Doyle, M.S., (Melb.) F.R.A.C.S.;
Surgeon,
45 Spring Street,
MELBOURNE, C.1.

Dear Mr. Doyle,

Following upon your request at the Staff Meeting at St. Vincent's Hospital on Friday evening last, I have much pleasure in forwarding to you a set of the cancer history case sheets. They are intended for insertion on the front page of the ordinary medical history and to be permanent hospital documents.

I have attempted to introduce them into our metropolitan hospitals to improve the taking of the histories of cancer patients, and to facilitate the extraction of essential facts for the Cancer Register.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

C. V. Mackay,
Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

P.S. The regions of the body are incomplete and the list depends upon the demand.

Enc.

3rd August, 1940.

Mrs. K. M. Danaher,
34 Calvert Street,
COLAC, Vic.

Dear Mrs. Danaher,

I am very glad of the opportunity of replying to your letter, but I regret that I cannot be of much assistance.

I must base my opinion on your report of the statement made by the doctor at the Colac Hospital. If this is correct, then I am forced to agree that no further treatment of any kind is likely to arrest the growth or to remove it. It is with very great regret that I express this opinion.

If the home social conditions or nursing services are not adequate, then I would recommend the patient's admission to the Austin Hospital at Heidelberg.

If the patient is not eligible for an old age pension then the question of an invalid pension should be considered.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,
Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

34 Calvert St
Colac.

Medical Officer
Anti-Cancer Council
Melbourne

Dear Sir,

Noting your many recent newspaper comments in reference to cancer treatment, I am venturing to write for your advice. A relative of mine is suffering from a growth of the lower bowel & has recently been in hospital for 2 months. His doctor could do nothing more for him beyond operating to move the bowel outlet to the right side of his body. The doctor also said that the growth increased considerably during his stay in hospital.

Do you think that anything could be done down there to arrest the growth or have it removed. I may mention that this man is in poor circumstances & does not seem inclined to inquire further because of this, but he could get to Melbourne for treatment if the case warranted it. I would be very grateful for your advice faithfully yours

Alfred [unclear]

INFORMATION BUREAU.

3rd August, 1940.

Mr. A. J. Dudley,
8 Brentain Avenue,
ELSTERNWICK, S.4.

Dear Mr. Dudley,

I appreciate your second letter of enquiry about your sister, and I feel sure that you will understand that I can now make no further comments. I know the authorities at St. Vincent's Hospital very well, and I am convinced that you may quite safely leave any further decision entirely to their judgment. They will do everything possible for the good of the patient.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,
Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

CVM.MD

S. Brentani M.
Elderswick. S. C.

1. 8. '40.

To Dr. W. H. Gray
Off. Cancer Inf. Bureau,
Melbrie.

Dear Sir.

On the 20th March last I wrote to you, seeking advice regarding treatment for a woman aged 34, suffering with Cancer in the womb. You promptly replied and your answers to two questions I asked, although unfavorable, were very frank and definite, and I wish to assure you on behalf of myself, a brother and sister, for whom I write, that your reply was greatly appreciated.

Unfortunately, the husband of the sufferer, who is a County President, did not take the rest of us into his confidence, and although he had perused your reply, he, acting on his own accord, decided to allow the operation.

It is now ten weeks since the operation was

Performed and the patient is still in St. Vincent's Hospital. She has suffered greatly and is still suffering.

The Specialist stated that the Cancer infected womb had been removed. He also said, during the last few days that the Cancer is not developing rapidly, but that it is in one of the kidneys and tube.

That a bladder Specialist has also examined her and intends to make another examination:

That he is considering operating for the purpose of removing the infected kidney etc.

The patient is ignorant of her Complaint, and I am sure you will appreciate our anxiety to do the right thing. We feel that if this case is ~~so~~ hopeless or practically hopeless, as we believe it is, we would like to spare her further operations and consequent suffering.

On the other hand, if there is still hope, and if you

Council should advise an operation at this stage, naturally we will consent to it. We wish you to understand that our one desire is to do that which is best.

I wish also to add, that we have nothing but gratefulness and praise to offer to the Specialist, also the hospital staff, in their efforts for our dear one, and wish to assure you that this inquiry, like the previous one, is made with the one object, i. e. to do the best we can for a brave sufferer, which has earned the admiration of her doctor and attending Sisters.

I am therefore again seeking your greatly valued advice and will ask the following questions:—

- ①. Do you think that the contemplated removal of the kidney and tube should be proceeded with?

- ②. If the operation is performed would it lessen her suffering?
- ③. Would the operation prolong or shorten life?
- ④. Would the patient's sufferings be any greater if no further operations were performed?

Anxiously awaiting
your reply and again
Thanking you most
Sincerely for your
previous reply and in
anticipation of your
reply to this.

I am
Yours faithfully
A. J. Dudley
A. J. DUDLEY.

27th March, 1940.

A. J. Dudley, Esq.,
8 Brentain Avenue,
ELSTERNWICK, S.4.

Dear Mr. Dudley,

I am grateful for the opportunity of answering your enquiry of the 20th March. My replies to your questions are as follows:-

1. I do not advise an operation.
2. There is not more hope of prolonging life by an operation.

I greatly regret that in a case such as you have quoted I am forced to give such an unfavourable statement.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,

Executive Medical Officer,
Information Bureau,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

8 Brentani W.
Elstermoick, S. C.
20 . 3 . '40.

The Off. of
Cancer Inj. Bureau.

Dear Sir.

I would be greatly
obliged if you would advise me
re' the following.

In an advanced
stage of Cancer in the womb
with the possibility of it having
spread further, and to which
Radium has been applied, do you
consider it advisable to undergo
an operation?

If it is thought
by the med. profession
there is little or no prospects of
prolonging life without an operation,
is there any more hope of
prolonging life by an operation?

Thanking you in
anticipation of an early reply,
I am, faithfully,
Yours,
F. J. Dudley.

Northaggi
Post Office
22/7/40

College of Surgeons

Dear Sir

Having read in ~~your~~ the age research
for Cancer. I will answer all enquires
I have a lump under right-breast-
caused by corset-bone steel. It is
now three years & is getting a bit-
bigger would you tell me what-to-
do? is it an ulcer. I am 58 years
& have had no sickness

Yours faithfully
M. Davey

Answered.

24.7.40.

INFORMATION BUREAU.

9th July, 1940.

Mrs. M. Duffield,
"Wanily'h",
Bluff Road,
BLACK ROCK.

Dear Mrs. Duffield,

Mr. Wheeler has forwarded your letter of the 6th of July to me.

I would advise you to see a medical practitioner as early as possible. Your first choice is obviously your local doctor at Black Rock. If you have no local doctor or do not wish to incur the expense of a medical consultation, then I would advise attendance at the Alfred Hospital in Commercial Road, Prahran, which is your nearest metropolitan public hospital.

The important aspect in your case is that delay may be dangerous.

I shall be very pleased to give any additional information by writing, but facilities for personal interview are not satisfactory.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,
Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victor

Wanilyh
Bluff Road
Black Rock
July 6th 1940

A. G. Wheeler Esq.
Secretary
Anti Cancer Council
Melbourne.

Dear Sir,
Some years ago I was
forced to undergo an operation
for cancer of the (Breast).
I fear that there are again
signs of another growth, a lump
on the remaining breast.

As my means are much
less now: and I am 67 years
of age. I am asking your
advice: (Can I ask you for
a personal interview, at your
own time.

I am
Yours Faithfully
(Mrs) M. Duffield

FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

4th July, 1940.

Miss Lena Deeble,
22 Hope Street,
SOUTH YARRA. S.E.1.

Dear Miss Deeble,

When next you attend Dr. Kaye Scott's clinic would you please wait and see Mr. Syme?

Mr. Syme visits this Hospital on Tuesdays and Fridays at 1 p.m.

This examination is quite separate from that of Dr. Kaye Scott and does not mean that you are discharged from Radium Out-Patients.

An appointment card is attached for you to mark on it the time and date of your next appointment with Mr. Syme, as is done in Dr. Kaye Scott's clinic. When you leave Mr. Syme's clinic would you please let the clerk at the desk in the Out-Patient Hall know the date when next Mr. Syme wishes to see you, so that unnecessary correspondence on his behalf may be avoided?

Yours faithfully,

C. V. Mackay, M.D.

CVM.MD

ROYAL MELBOURNE HOSPITAL,
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22nd June, 1940.

Dr. John Dale, O.B.E., M.D.,
Medical Officer of Health, Melb.,
Town Hall,
MELBOURNE, C. 1.

Dear Dr. Dale,

Mr. Wheeler, Secretary of
the Anti-Cancer Council, has forwarded
to me "Public Health Reports" of 3rd May,
1940. It contains a report of an "Educ-
ational Cancer Film available to Health
Departments."

I should be glad to have an
opportunity of meeting you at an early
date for a discussion on problems assoc-
iated with cancer.

Many thanks for your kindness
in sending on this copy for us.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,
Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

CVM.MD

Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria

(AFFILIATED WITH THE BRITISH EMPIRE CANCER CAMPAIGN)

Incorporated by Act of Parliament for the purpose of promoting, co-ordinating, and carrying out investigations in relation to the cause, prevention, and treatment of Cancer

HON. THE LORD MAYOR OF
MELBOURNE

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Telephone:

J 2002 - J 4987

HGW:NA

C/o ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

Spring Street,

Melbourne, C.1.

19th June, 1940.

Dr. C. V. Mackay, F.R.A.C.P.,
Royal Melbourne Hospital,
MELBOURNE. C.1

Dear Dr. Mackay,

Under separate cover, I am sending you a copy of a publication entitled "Public Health Reports" which contains information concerning an educational cancer film available to Health Departments. You will see from the note on the cover of the publication that it was forwarded to me by Dr. J. Dale, the City Health Officer.

I have written to Dr. Dale thanking him for bringing this matter under the notice of the Council.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



H. G. Wheeler,
Secretary.

22nd June, 1940.

INFORMATION BUREAU.

V. Drew, Esq.,
68 Victoria Street,
EAST BRUNSWICK.

Dear Mr. Drew,

I am pleased to answer your enquiry of the 19th inst.

If you have already attended three local doctors for the condition of your tongue without satisfaction, then I should advise you to see a specialist in the Collins Street area. If you can afford to pay a specialist's fee I shall be pleased to forward to you a short list of consultants from which you may choose.

If, however, this is beyond your means, then I would advise you to attend the out-patient surgical department of St. Vincent's Hospital or of the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,
Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

CVM.MD

68 Victoria St
E. Brunswick
19/6/40

Royal Aust. College of Surgeons

Dear Sir

Reading an article
in tonight's Herald prompted me
to write to you. The reason is
that for the last 9 months I
have had a sore tongue, always
a little dirty and a slight reddening
or blotch in one place and gets
very irritating at times. I have visited
three doctors locally but had
no results. Could you recommend
a doctor I could visit for it
worry me at times.

Yours faithfully,
V. Drew

21st June, 1940.

INFORMATION BUREAU.

Mrs. de Gille,
29 Mollison Street,
ABBOTSFORD, N.9.

Dear Mrs. de Gille,

I am very glad to have the opportunity of replying to your letter of the 19th of June.

I sincerely wish that I could offer you some hope for successful treatment of your husband's condition. If the diagnosis is as you have described I greatly fear that I cannot add anything to what you were told at St. Vincent's Hospital by Mr. Osborne.

Please accept my sincere sympathy. You must not lose hope that all the infected glands have been removed.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,
Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

29 Ballison St
Abbotsford Wg

19. 6. 40

Dear Sir

I read your note in today's "Age" regarding treatment of cancer. I am deeply interested as my husband is suffering with multiple secondary melanomata, which is I am told cancer of the pigment cells. He is an outpatient of St Vincent's Hospital, and eight months ago was operated on by Mr Osborne. Mr Osborne said that his hope was that all the infected glands were removed, but he is still afraid as usually they cannot find all the infected glands and therefore there are still infected glands left in the body to infect

the others - so far the doctor said
that he is alright but usually
the glands swell again and the patient ^{dies}.

Mr Osborne said that there is
nothing they can do to treat the
glands, and another operation is
quite out of the question. It ~~seems~~
seems dreadful my husband is
only 26 and I am 22. We both live
a clean good healthy life, and we
are very happy indeed. Of course my
husband knows nothing about his
case, or very little I should say.

Regarding where my husband
was cut during the operation. He
was cut on the right hand side
in the groin up to almost the
waist. A straight cut.

I beg of you to answer me in
hope of good news
yours Truly
Mrs de Lill

All I could have a talk with you about this
perhaps I could explain a little better)

Patient attended
7.7.40

28th May, 1940.

Dr. W. H. Steel, M.B., B.S.,
293 High Street,
West Preston, N.18.

Dear Dr. Steel,

I should be much obliged if you would kindly inform me of the present state of health of one of your patients, Mr. Horace Dawson. Mr. Dawson, who lives at 57 James Street, West Preston, was an in-patient at the Royal Melbourne Hospital from 3rd January to 8th February, 1940 and was diagnosed as suffering from carcinoma of the stomach.

The information is desired for entry in the Cancer Register installed at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. We are attempting to register and to follow up all cancer cases. *treated in to file*

The A.C.C.

I hope that you will be able to comply with this request.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,
Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

CVM.MD

P.S. A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed.

Dixen

21st May, 1940.

Dr. N. Lennox Speirs, V.D., F.R.A.C.S.,
59 Queen's Parade,
Clifton Hill, N.S.

Dear Dr. Speirs,

Thank you for your report
on Mrs. Mary Dixen.

The information contained therein
will be entered in the Anti-Cancer Council's
Register of cancer patients treated at the Royal
Melbourne Hospital.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,

Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

Royal Melbourne Hospital



MELBOURNE, C.I.

2nd April, 1940.

TELEPHONE: CENTRAL 9001

CR 363

Mrs. Mary Dixen,
73 Jenkins Street,
Northcote.

Dear Mrs. Dixen,

If you have not already been given an appointment to see an out-patient surgeon when leaving the Hospital on 4/2/40 please call and see Mr. Burke not later than the date marked on the appointment card now enclosed.

It is necessary for you to see the out-patient surgeon at regular intervals as well as any specialist whom you may be attending for treatment.

Please show this letter to the clerk at the desk in the out-patients' hall.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. Mackay, M.D.

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.

Medical Officer,
Surgical Out-Patient Follow-up Department.

Enc.

(If prevented by reason of ill-health, etc. to attend please send a report (if possible to be obtained from your local doctor) on your present state of health.

*16.5.40
Condition very low
Persistent oedema of hands
& feet
Can only take fluids
Hemorrhoids
Bedsheet*

CVM/NA

6th May, 1940.

Cancer Information Bureau

Mrs. E. V. Dean,
78 Queen's Avenue,
Carnegie, S.E.9

Dear Mrs. Dean,

I am pleased to answer your enquiry
of the 1st May.

The description of the condition on
your nose does not suggest cancer.

It would be wise, however, to consult
your local medical practitioner at Carnegie and, if
he is doubtful of the condition, ask him to recommend
a skin specialist whom you might see in the Collins
Street area.

I would be pleased to assist him if
necessary.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. Mackay, M.D.
Executive Medical Officer.

78 Queens Avenue
Carnegie S E 9
Victoria

1-5-40

Royal Australasian College of Surgeons

I am writing in reference to a dry patch of skin on the fleshy part of my nose which I have noticed only in the last six months I have been using an ointment but it does not seem to be improving there is often small pimples come about it.

In the event of it getting worse could you advise me the best thing to do.

Seeing a notice in this evening's Herald I thought I would write for advise.

Trusting to hear from you
I remain

Yours faithfully

E. V. Dean

CVM/NA

6th May, 1940.

Cancer Information Bureau

Mrs. D. E. Deutscher
Ballarat Road,
HAMILTON. VIC.

Dear Mrs. Deutscher,

I am very pleased to answer your enquiry of
the 1st May.

Dr. Kneebone wrote to me about Mrs. Bux on
the 17th of April, and I have since been in communication both
with him and with the authorities of the Austin Hospital at
Heidelberg.

There are only 130 beds available for cancer
patients, male and female, at the Austin Hospital, and the Medical
Superintendent has always the greatest difficulty in finding
accommodation for applicants from all parts of Victoria. The delay
in the admission of your sister must not, under these circumstances,
be considered unreasonable especially as one of the forms necessary
for admission was not filled in and had to be returned for that
purpose.

Mrs. Bux is, I understand, third on the female
waiting list.

When Mrs. Bux leaves Hamilton it would be
advisable to send a telegram to the Manager and Secretary of the
Austin Hospital asking that arrangements should be made with the
Civil Ambulance authorities to meet her at Spencer Street Railway
Station on arrival of the train.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. Mackay, M.D.
Executive Medical Officer.

Ballarat Road.
Hamilton.

The Cancer Information Bureau
Royal Australian College
of Surgeons. Melbourne

1/5/40.

Dear Sirs

In
today's Sun I read an article on fight
against cancer. I have a sister who
has a cancer on her cheek which is very
much swollen but not painful &
otherwise she feels quite well.
She went to see Dr Kneebone in Hamilton
over three weeks ago who said the cancer
was too far advanced for him to treat
but said that he would make arrange-
-ments for her to get treatment in the
Austin Hospital Melbourne but nothing
has been ^{come of it} done, to date although the
necessary papers have been filled in
and signed some time ago.
As the case is daily getting worse, we
are very anxious for her to get
treatment as soon as possible.

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I also wish to add that my sister Mrs Bux is elderly and has no means except the Old age pension, but is prepared to pay her fare to Melbourne.

An early reply will greatly oblige.

Yours faithfully
Mrs. D. E. Deutscher.

CVM/NA

7th May, 1940.

Cancer Information Bureau

Mrs. E. Dunn,
30 Victoria Terrace,
GEELONG. VIC.

Dear Mrs. Dunn,

I am very pleased to answer your enquiry of the
8th May.

I have read your letter carefully, and from the
point of view of any possible cancer it is the trouble in your
right breast which has to be considered.

There is no necessity to come to Melbourne unless
you are dissatisfied with the medical practitioners in Geelong.

In my opinion they have an excellent reputation
and so has the Base Hospital.

If financial circumstances do not permit you to
consult your own doctor again then I should certainly go for
advice to the Geelong Hospital.

I would not attempt to make any diagnosis or
further suggestions by correspondence. Should you desire,
however, to attend a specialist in Melbourne or one of the
Metropolitan Hospitals I shall be pleased to give you all the
necessary particulars.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. Machay, M.D.
Executive Medical Officer.

30 Victoria Terrace
Geelong
May 8th 40

To the Anti Cancer Council
College of Surgeons.

Spring St Melbourne

Dear Sir

I have followed with interest

your notices in the paper from time
to time that one could write to you
I in regard to anything which may
bother you in regard to any lump
or tumour & I think it is a wonderful
thing you have started the first
symptoms of these things may not
be considered serious by any
person not understanding it is a very
real way of reaching possible sufferers.

I would like your advice about
myself I am 49 years, having lived
in Melbourne until 3 years ago, my hus-
band got work here so we have lived
in Geelong since. - He is a returned
soldier of the Great War & is about my own
age. - I have enjoyed wonderful health
up to the last few years, the change

Suppose, three years ago I had a little lump like a kernel in the right breast & I went to a lady doctor who treated me with thyroid tablets; she thought it was glandular & it certainly went at the same time she examined me for any little fellow, & assured her I was quite alright but however she gave me an examination & found a small cyst just inside the passage, she said it wasn't much but to have it removed which she did about 18 months later namely last year in Feb. She sent it to the university & said it was quite harmless, but after a week or two I had two nasty hemorrhages both severe, which she said were from the wound which had been nasty.

I have since gotten well but have had for some few years a tendency to sore throat or really in the larynx or voice box if I get run down my voice goes & I feel very off. & sometimes pains like waves go up the outside of the throat, the glands I think - well I just had the flu & got the old pain in the glands

I quite a lump seems to be in that same spot in the breast it may only still be a gland but it is tender & the pain seems to dart under the armpit. I am very full in the breast having been so much nursed my three children the full time. I would be so glad to have your advice on this as I do worry so much as my children are now 12 14 & 16 & I don't want anything to go wrong with me now when they seem to need you most.

I am also rather worried financially, so as my husband is on half time what with the war & spikes etc it affects everyone & I do not want to incur any more expense which we can't face but I feel very worried about myself.

I also have a great fullness in the waist line that I can't seem to disperse, I am not a big eater & can't understand how the stomach seems so distended ~~at~~ times, it doesn't seem like indigestion so would be so glad if you could suggest anything I can do.

Have not had any periods now
for about two years.

I'm afraid I've written rather
much of so please excuse me
but I wanted to make myself
clear. I could go up to Melbourne
for examination at any time
I could get my mother down
to look after my children

Please reply at your
earliest

Thanking you
Yours truly

Mrs) E. Durr.

I don't want you to think the sore
throat I get sometimes is the
tonsils it isn't, it is in the back of
the throat because it has affected my singing voice
now for four years.

1st May, 1940.

George Dawson, Esq.,
7 Wilson Street,
OAKLEIGH. S.E.12.

Dear Mr. Dawson,

I am very pleased to have the opportunity of answering your letter of the 29th April.

Enclosed is a list of the signs and symptoms which are suggestive of cancer.

Your point of view about an X-ray examination is sound, but I would not recommend it as a routine. My advice would be to submit yourself and your wife to a periodic medical overhaul, say once every two years. Your own local doctor would be best for the purpose. If anything disturbing is found then an X-ray examination would be recommended.

At your age cancer is very unlikely, but I do strongly recommend a medical examination to ascertain if all is well.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,

Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria

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29-4-40

7 Wilson St
Oakleigh S.E. 12

The Cancer Information Bureau

Dear Sirs,

As I have repeatedly read of the necessity to catch Cancer in its early stages to help myself & the medical profession to stamp out the disease I am taking advantage of the service you are offering. First of all I do not know the symptoms of Cancer or T.B. or do I know that either myself or my wife have the disease; but I realize that an X-ray would reveal any signs of trouble developing later on in life or I should say that might develop later. I would appreciate your advice as to where to go for such an X-ray & the fee required for same & also the signs of approach of the disease. Trusting I am not hindering you or taking up too much of your valuable time

My age is 27.
My wife's age 25.

I remain
Yours truly
Mr. Geo. Dawson

10th April, 1940.

Mrs. M. M. Duck,
309 Myers Street,
GEEELONG.

Dear Mrs. Duck,

The latest forms of treatment for cancer are being given at the large metropolitan hospitals in Melbourne.

These are The Royal Melbourne Hospital, St. Vincent's Hospital, The Alfred Hospital, and The Austin Hospital at Heidelberg.

If you attended any of these hospitals you would get excellent treatment at a cost graduated to your capacity to pay.

Thanks for your stamp.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,
Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

CVM.MD

309 Myers St
Gellong

March 6th 40

To Cancer Information Bureau

I would be very grateful if you would be good enough, to let me have information with regard to cancer treatment, as offered through the Sun. paper, enclosed please find stamped & addressed envelope

Yours faithfully

M. M. Duck

5th April, 1940.

Mrs. Ruby Dick,
28 Kelvin Grove,
Armadale, S.I.

Dear Mrs. Dick,

I am really puzzled by your letter of the 2nd April. You have told me so many things that I find it very difficult to give you satisfactory advice.

There is no evidence of any signs or symptoms pointing directly to cancer, and as I am really only concerned with cancer I am at a loss to help you.

My conclusion is that you should see your own doctor again, and ask him to recommend a specialist in the Collins Street area whom you might see. If your doctor makes the arrangements for a consultation a moderate fee suited to your circumstances could be agreed upon.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,

Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

28 Helwin Grove
Armadale S.I.
2.4.40

Dear Sir

I don't think I have a cancer at present, but would appreciate your advice on my condition.

Am 53 years old & still have a sticky discharge from the uterus & sometimes a little pale blood. Two years ago had an innocent growth removed & no haemorrhages since but was told then there was a cyst the size of an orange on the left ovary, also portion of the bowel & uterus are right down the front passage. Have had X. ray treatment for some

have been done about it...

Unfortunately we are not very financial I could only afford a moderate fee, so don't like troubling my own doctor but dislike the idea of a public hospital.

Hope you are not bored with my tale of woe, & will you please advise me what to do?

Yours sincerely
(Mrs) Ruby Dick
28 Helwin Grove
Armadale S.

irritation there & the skin Doctor said I should be wearing some support. Since he told me to use a double can the condition is much improved.

The tubes were removed 21 years ago I have never been free of discharge since.

^(am) There is a fair amount of pain in left groin, also at base of left breast. (no lumps) but it responds to warmth & rest.

While not wanting to have an operation in cold blood, would hate for trouble to occur in the future & be told if I had been seen to sooner something could

4th April, 1940.

Dr. Ronald Davidson, M.B., F.R.A.C.S.,
16 Victoria Street,
BALLARAT.

Dear Dr. Davidson,

Many thanks for your letter of the 2nd inst. concerning Mrs. R. Sutherland. I have also received a letter from the patient.

My recommendation is that she should go to the Austin Hospital for Chronic Diseases at Heidelberg, and I have sent her the forms to be filled in. If these are returned to me direct I will expedite her admission. At the Austin she will obtain deep therapy treatment, etc., and she need only stay as long as she likes. The Austin is now a training school and a treatment hospital.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,

Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

CVM.MD

2. 4. 40

Dear J' -

Mrs R. Sutherland consulted me today for the first time, complaining of pains & weakness in the R. arm & leg. In December 1937 the R. breast was removed for a large fungating growth. At present she undoubtedly has a secondary deposit in the R. humerus & probably elsewhere. I have advised her to report for deep X-ray therapy etc.

Donald Davidson

M.B. FRACS etc.

She has asked me to permit her with some sort of report.

8th March, 1940.

Mrs. L. Dodds,
79 Skene Street,
Newtown,
G E E L O N G.

Dear Mrs. Dodds,

Your letter to Mrs. Solly has been forwarded to me from "The Age" office in Melbourne.

I am the Executive Medical Officer of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria and in charge of the Cancer Information Bureau which we have established to help cancer patients. I do not as a rule see cancer patients at my office but only give advice by letter when requested.

We are very anxious to help all cancer patients to obtain early diagnosis of their condition and early treatment.

My advice would be to see your local doctor without delay and if he is uncertain about the exact nature of your ailment ask him for the name of one or two of the senior surgeons in Melbourne who are on the honorary staffs of the big hospitals. These men are skilled in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer and you can unhesitatingly accept their advice both as regards the nature and the treatment of your complaint.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,
Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

79. Skene St
Newtown
Geelong
6. 3. 40

Dear Mrs Solly

I read in the "Age" of
yesterday March 5th that you had advice
from a Cancer Specialist

I would be very grateful to you if
you would send me the address
where I could see him

Am enclosing 2^d stamps for reply

Thanking you in anticipation
Yours truly

(Mrs) L. Dodds

6th March, 1940.

Mrs. S. H. Draysey,
513 Crisp Street,
ALBURY, N. S.W.

Dear Mrs. Draysey,

I was pleased to receive your
letter of enquiry of the 1st March.

It is with sincere regret that
I have to inform you that in the type of case which
you describe the disease has advanced to such an
extent that no remedial measures known to the medical
profession are of any avail.

Cancer can only be checked or
eradicated if treated in its early stages. Unfortun-
ately, in the stomach region its existence may often
be unsuspected until too late.

Our endeavours are being directed
towards early diagnosis and early treatment.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,
Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

CVM.MD

513 Crisp St.
Melbourn N. S. W.
1st March 1940.

Anti-Cancer Campaign.

To
The Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria,
Royal Australian College of Surgeons
Spring St. Melbourne.

Dear Sirs,

In today's "Argus" you invite enquiries to the above & I hasten to ask if there is a chance of the disease being checked or completely annihilated? I have a very dear relative & the Drs after opening the stomach could not operate & have not told the patient, but told his wife & mother. He is still in hospital recovering from the wound. He is a returned soldier.

I shall be looking anxiously for a letter from you.

I remain
Yours truly

(Mrs)

S. H. Drayson

C/o The Royal Melbourne Hospital
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Henry I. C. Dent, Esq.,
Department of Medical Service,
Parke, Davis and Company,
Rosebery,
S Y D N E Y.

Dear Sir,

I am much obliged to you for remembering our discussion in Melbourne last March on the carcinogenic substances derived from coal-tar. I am pleased to have a copy of the letter which you have forwarded to Dr. H. J. Gray of Perth.

With many thanks,

Yours sincerely,

CM.MD

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DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL SERVICE
PARKE, DAVIS & COMPANY
ROSEBERY, SYDNEY

14th June, 1939. D.McE.

Dr. C.V. MacKay,
Royal Melbourne Hospital,
MELBOURNE. VIC.

Dear Sir,

You will remember discussing the carcinogenic substances derived from coal-tar whilst the writer was in Melbourne in March, and you asked us to get this information for you and send it on to Dr. H.J. Gray of Perth. We have pleasure in attaching copy of the letter we have written to Dr. Gray.

With compliments,

Yours very truly,
PARKE, DAVIS & COMPANY.

(Henry I.C. Dent)

E.

14th June, 1939. D.McE.

Dr. H.J. Gray,
St. George's Terrace,
PERTH. W.A.

Dear Sir,

Whilst the writer was in Melbourne in March Dr. C.G. MacKay, of the Royal Melbourne Hospital, Melbourne, asked us to send to our home office for information concerning carcinogenic substances derived from coal tar and we have pleasure in outlining the information -

"In reply to your letter No. 240 of March 28, I have asked our Research Laboratory for references and information with regard to the carcinogenic substances derived from coal-tar and as to the possibility of similar substances being present in pine tar.

Let me say, first, that there is no indication we are aware of that pine tar contains carcinogenic substances; at least, it does not contain compounds similar to those in coal-tar to which such an effect is attributed.

Various substances in coal-tar have been mentioned as of this character, particularly a substance known as 3-4 benzpyrene.

Barry and Cook, et al., in 1935 (Proceedings Royal Society, Series B 117, page 318) reported regarding this substance. In addition, we list below a number of other references on this same general subject for what they may be worth to you:

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Yours very truly,
PARKE, DAVIS & COMPANY.

(Henry I.C. Dent)