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Anti Cancer Council

Dear Sir

In answer in daily paper. I had a small dry skin on bottom lip it was only small. & the skin would dry & I could peel the piece off very often just a very slight tingle. I saw my Doctor & he said it was nothing to worry about, it continued same for a while so I asked again was it anything he said no. nothing, but now it is more of a yellow (saw) on lip. it is much worse, slight pain. I get very dry in day time. at night I wash my mouth with Peroxide & the lip gets a very yellow saw & slight pain. I am 61 years old.

I am
Yours etc

Mr. D. W. Sullivan
2 Lion St
Hawthorn W.

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Vic

17th November, 1941.

D. W. Sullivan, Esq.,
2 Lion Street,
HAWTHORN, E.2.

Dear Sir,

Owing to my absence from Melbourne I was unable to reply to your letter of the 6th of November until today.

I am always suspicious of any persistent sore on the lip and I should strongly advise you to ask your own doctor to see it again.

If I can be of any assistance to him I shall be very pleased.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.BH

15 Charles St
Ascot Vale W2

22-12-41.

Secretary
Cancer Research Committee
6/6 Melbourne Hospital

Dear Sir

With reference to cancer research, I have for sometime had a furred tongue and a swelling of the glands under the jaws

At the present I am able to keep the tongue clean with mouth washes, but as the condition still persists I would like expert opinion which I am prepared to pay for. I could give full details of leading up to this condition if appointment can be arranged

As I am working on important defence work I would appreciate if you would ring me F.V.6241. and arrange an appointment

Yours faithfully
D Staig.

23rd December, 1941.

D. Staig, Esq.,
15 Charles Street,
ASCOT VALE, W.2.

Dear Sir,

I regret to state that my Council has no facilities for the examination of patients. I would advise you to consult your own local medical practitioner and if he desires any assistance in your particular case I shall be pleased to do all in my power to help.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.BH

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BAIRNSDALE.

12th May, 1942.

J. R. Searls

Dr. Mackay,
Royal Melbourne Hospital,
MELBOURNE, C.I.

Dear Doctor,

I have a problem which you may help me to decide.

I have a patient aged 90 years and although she cannot get about without aid, she looks like living many more years.

She has a malignancy of the lobe of the ear, size $\frac{1}{2}$ inch round. Her people say that it has been present for many years as a scaly growth which has now come off and left a raw surface and will not heal.

Her people say it would be impossible to take her to Melbourne. She there are two other alternatives. 1. That we gamble she will die before the growth gets much worse. 2. That Radium is sent up here to be applied. I have not had experience in dosage, but the people would be prepared to take a risk in that rather than have to take her to Melbourne.

What do you think?

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) J. R. SEARLS.

14th May, 1942.

Dr. J. R. Searls,
BAIRNSDALE.

Dear Dr. Searls,

I have received your letter of the 12th May concerning your elderly female patient with cancer.

I have passed the letter on to Dr. Kaye-Scott for the favour of his opinion. He will communicate with you direct.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY,
Executive Medical Officer.

CVM.BH

DR. N. R. DALE
DR. S. C. FITZPATRICK
DR. P. B. HOUGHTON
DR. J. LEM. KNEEBONE
DR. K. F. O'DONNELL

HAMILTON,

10/4 1942

Miss E. SCHULTZ.

~~The Medical Advisor~~

Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria

Dear Sir,

I have a

woman of 32 who has been
classified ~~for~~ inpatient service
as a Public Hospital Case

by the Hamilton Base
Hospital.

She is suffering
from a giant cell tumor

in the head of the tibia

(operated by Prosser) although

Dr. T. King considers the

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my strongly suggests an
osteolytic sarcoma as well.

I want to arrange for her
to have radiation therapy.

She would not need any
financial help for travelling
or staying in Melbourne for
a short period.

Could you please advise me.

I regret I have mislaid
the booklet sent to medical
practitioners on facilities
available for the treatment
of cancer patients - could you
please send me one

yours faithfully
John. du. Kneibon

*E. Schultz
c/o Mrs Lucas
26 Ormond Rd.
East Ivanhoe.*

14th April, 1942.

Dr. John Lem. Kneebone,
HAMILTON.

Dear Dr. Kneebone,

I am pleased to acknowledge your letter of the 10th of April concerning a female patient suffering from a giant celled tumour in the head of the tibia, and requiring radiation therapy.

As this patient does not require any financial help for travelling or during her stay in Melbourne, all that is required is a letter from you to the Medical Superintendent either of St. Vincent's Hospital or of the Royal Melbourne Hospital recommending Deep X-ray Therapy treatment.

If you would like me to personally attend to the case, the patient could see me at my office at the Royal Melbourne Hospital any day between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

I am enclosing a further copy of the original letter written to country medical practitioners by the Chairman of the Executive Committee last year.

I am very pleased to have the opportunity of being of any assistance to you.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,
Executive Medical Officer.

HAMILTON,

17/4 1942

ONE
NELL

Miss E. Schultz
c/o Mrs. Lucas

26 Ormound Rd.
East-Idaho.

Dear Mackay,

Thank you for
your letter about the
patient with the giant
called tumour of the tibia -
I should be grateful if
you could make the
arrangements for her. I
presume she will be
admitted at the hospital
again and they will
decide whether she is

Would it be possible

Manually and patient.

I am enclosing a copy of the report of the biopsy.

I suppose it is possible that I may have to ~~to~~ adopt some measure to strengthen the external part of the head of the tube subsequently — meanwhile I have to be to use a stick.

I should be very grateful if I could be kept in —

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NNELL

as to the progress.

Yours sincerely
John D. Kneebone.

Patent Name

Miss E. ~~Selbert~~
Schultz

Crocton East

27th April, 1942.

PROFESSOR P. MacCallum, M.C., F.R.C.E., F.R.A.C.P.,
Dean of the Faculty of Medicine,
University of Melbourne,
CARLTON, N.3.

Dear Professor MacCallum,

Dr. J. LEM. Kneebone of Hamilton, Victoria, has asked me to arrange treatment for one of his patients, a Miss E. Schultz.

You reported on a specimen which Dr. Kneebone removed as being probably giant cell in origin. I am trying to arrange deep x-ray radiation at the Austin Hospital and will endeavour to keep you informed of the clinical progress. At present the patient is walking freely with the aid of a stick and is not suffering severe pain.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY,
Executive Medical Officer.

27th April, 1942.

Dr. J. Lem. Kneebone,
HAMILTON.

Dear Dr. Kneebone,

I saw your patient, Miss E. Schultz, of Croxton East, this morning. She brought a note from you and also a copy of Professor MacCallum's pathological report on the specimen which you removed.

I ascertained that she was living at Ivanhoe close to the Austin Hospital at Heidelberg, and I am going to see whether I can arrange for her treatment there as an out-patient under the radiotherapist, Dr. John O'Sullivan.

I consider it inadvisable for her to use the leg to any extent while treatment is in progress. The question of walking caliper hinged at the knee might arise later on.

Would it be possible for you to send me the x-ray pictures in order to avoid the expense of taking new films. Yours will be returned with the patient.

Sincerely yours,

C. V. MACKAY,
Executive Medical Officer.

28th April, 1942.

Miss E. Schultz,
c/o Mrs. Lucas,
26 Ormond Road,
EAST IVANHOE.

Dear Miss Schultz,

I have been at the Austin Hospital today, but unfortunately they are unable to treat any out-patients at present.

I would now recommend you to attend St. Vincent's Hospital in Victoria Street, Fitzroy, and to see Dr. O'Sullivan for the special treatment. Would you kindly attend the hospital out-patient department tomorrow (Wednesday) afternoon at 2 o'clock.

When you come in from Ivanhoe on the first occasion go to Flinders Street and then walk or take the tram to Bourke Street. Then take a twopenny fare and ask to be put down at Victoria Street. The Hospital is only fifty yards from the tram stop.

Please take the enclosed letter with you.

Yours faithfully,

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

28th April, 1942.

The Medical Officer-on-Duty,
Out-Patient Department,
St. Vincent's Hospital,
Victoria Parade,
FITZROY.

Dear Sir,

Would you kindly place Miss Schultz under the care of Dr. John O'Sullivan. She is suffering from a giant celled tumour of the head of the left tibia and I have already spoken to Dr. O'Sullivan concerning her.

Enclosed is copy of a letter from her private doctor - Dr. Kneebone of Hamilton, and also Professor MacCallum's pathological report.

Yours faithfully,

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

28th April, 1942.

Dr. John O'Sullivan, M.D., F.F.R., F.R.A.C.P.,
49 Spring Street,
MELBOURNE, C.1.

Dear Dr. O'Sullivan,

Re Miss E. Schultz sent to me by Dr. Kneebone of Hamilton to arrange treatment for a giant celled tumour of the left tibia. I was at the Austin Hospital today, but owing to the rush on the deep therapy machine I was unable to arrange out-patient treatment there.

I have now written to the patient asking her to attend your clinic at St. Vincent's Hospital tomorrow afternoon and have given her a letter to the Hospital.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY,
Executive Medical Officer.

OF PROFESSOR MacCALLUM'S REPORT

Report of tissue removed at biopsy.

Re specimen from Miss E. Schultz, aet 34: the appearances suggest the margin of a benign giant cell tumour of the bone rather than an osteo-sarcomatous growth. The tissue on the interior is composed of spindle cells embedding multinucleate giant cells of the so-called osteoclastic type. The bony shell shows fibro-osteoid changes towards its periosteal surface and this tissue and that in the vascular canals are both very cellular. In this region both absorption of bone and laying down of new osteoid tissue are occurring. In the periosteum, tendinous and muscular tissue, there are some metaplastic changes, including a fairly extensive formation of fibro-cartilage and some mucoid change about the rather prominent walled small vessels in that region. There is some haemorrhage in the tissue. In spite of the cellularity, the appearances do not suggest rapid growth or invasion, but either benign giant cell tumour or reaction to damage of a type indistinguishable from that form of growth. X-ray therapy suggests itself as an appropriate method of treatment.

(Signed) PROFESSOR P. MacCALLUM

DR. N. R. DALE
DR. S. C. FITZPATRICK
DR. P. B. HOUGHTON
DR. J. LEM. KNEEBONE
DR. K. F. O'DONNELL

HAMILTON,

29/4 1942

Miss E. SCHULTZ

Dear Dr Mackay,

Thanks very
much for your letter about
Miss E. Schultz. Under
separate cover I am sending
down the films to you and
should be very grateful if
I can be informed as soon
as the course of treatment
has been decided on

- (1) How long it will take
to ~~do~~ later
- (2) How she is getting on
- (3) whether any surgical
measures re grafting etc

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are likely to be desirable
note that Watson Jones
states that bone grafting
appears to stimulate osteoclasts
& to promote recurrence.

Yours sincerely
John. Lem. Kneebone

1st May, 1942.

Dr. John O'Sullivan, M.D., (Melb.)
D.M.R. & E., Cambridge, F.F.R., F.R.A.C.P.,
49 Spring Street,
MELBOURNE, C.1.

Dear Dr. O'Sullivan,

I am forwarding to you a copy of a letter from Dr. Kneebone of Hamilton with reference to Miss Schultz, also the X-ray films. These arrived since I left you today.

Would you be so kind as to take responsibility for the films and for a reply as to the course of treatment.

Sincerely yours,

C. V. MACKAY.

P.S. The name of the lady from Colac awaiting treatment at the Austin is Mrs. Watts.

16th April, 1942.

Mr. Henry Searby, F.R.C.S.,
14 Parliament Place,
MELBOURNE.

Re Mrs. Hazel DOBSON

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CANCER INFORMATION BUREAU,

Royal Melbourne Hospital,

Melbourne, C.1.

14th April, 1942.

Dr. John McN. Scott, M.B., Ch.B.,
Boorook Street,
MORTLAKE.

Dear Dr. Scott,

We are obliged to you for your replies to our recent questionnaire on cancer.

If I can assist you at any time to arrange travel and accommodation for your indigent cancer patients seeking treatment in Melbourne I shall be pleased to do so.

It is unlikely that we shall be able to improve the equipment of the base hospitals for the treatment of cancer patients during war time.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,
Executive Medical Officer.

Amy SWALLOW.

9th March, 1942.

Dr. C. S. Mallalieu, M.B., B.S.,
541 Mt. Alexander Road,
MOONEE PONDS.

Dear Dr. Mallalieu,

I am writing to give you some information about your patient, Miss Swallow, of Ascot Vale, whom you sent to the Royal Melbourne Hospital on the 4th of February last.

Miss Swallow was placed under the care of Mr. Burke in the out-patient department and was subsequently operated upon in Ward 14.

Laparotomy showed that the liver was nodular white and hard over most of the right lobe. Biopsy report Carcinoma. Convalescence was uneventful.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,
Executive Medical Officer.

Wm. STILL

4th March, 1942.

Dr. N. McColl, M.B., B.S.,
Johnson Street,
MAFFRA.

Dear Dr. McColl,

Many thanks for your clinical report on Mr. W. Still of
Maffra.

I am glad to hear that he is doing well. Perhaps you
might be able to see him again in six to nine months' time.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY,
Executive Medical Officer.

CVM.BH

Johnson Street

Maffra

28th Feb 1942

The Medical Officer
Anti-Cancer Council of Vic
Melbourne

Dear Sir,

I regret that I have been so long in forwarding a report on the W. Steel of Maffra but his original report was mislaid & I have recently been on holiday & have only just returned.

However I have to report that he has a good supple sea anemone to the h. ear & that there is no evidence of any glandular involvement.

Yours sincerely
H. McCall

5th March, 1942.

R. E. Summers, Esq.,
38 Were Street,
BRIGHTON BEACH, S.5.

Dear Sir,

I am pleased to reply to your enquiry of the 3rd of March and to send you a copy of our booklet on cancer.

The only person who can satisfactorily advise you concerning the lump on the palm of your hand is a medical practitioner. All lumps should be carefully examined for possible malignancy, but the palm is an unusual site for cancer. I would advise you to consult your local doctor in the first instance and I shall be pleased to help him if he should need my assistance.

Yours faithfully,

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

R. E. Summers
(R. E. SUMMERS)

38 Werrill St
Brighton Beach
S.S.

The Secretary
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria
Spring St, Melbourne

3.3.42

Dear Sir,

I understand from recent broadcasts that your Council advises as to the need for treatment & I should be obliged if you would inform me as to the necessary procedure.

A small lump has formed on the palm of my hand during the last few months & it has not responded to iodine treatment.

Yours faithfully

R. E. Summers
(R. E. SUMMERS)

Sp. m. Tomorrow
evening,
Flat 10, opp. Chm.

14th March, 1942.

Dr. J. W. Johnstone, M.S.,
354 Park Street,
SOUTH MELBOURNE.

Dear Dr. Johnstone,

Many thanks for your clinical report on your patient,
Mr. Charles Smith.

We shall probably ask you for another report about November. I am very interested in these cases of Carcinoma of the Rectum. This man was found at operation to have a hard fixed mass at the pelvic-rectal junction and was considered to be inoperable. The laparotomy was performed nearly eighteen months ago.

This type of malignancy seems at times to be peculiarly slow in its development, and rectal examination alone is not infrequently the cause of diagnostic errors. The question has been advanced whether excision of the rectum should not be done as a palliative procedure to relieve pain and to prevent local extension.

Your patient is interesting from that point of view.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY,
Executive Medical Officer.

3570 Park St
Ath. Melbourne
13/8/42

Dear Dr. Mackay

Mr. Smith is still under
my care. General condition is
satisfactory - weight maintained & no
evidence of secondaries.

Alpt on he has a discharge of
blood per colostomy & some per
rectum. Colostomy works well

Yours sincerely
J. H. Houston MB



Royal Melbourne Hospital
Surgical Follow-up Department

MELBOURNE, C.I.

6th March, 1942.

TELEPHONE: CENTRAL 9001

Charles Smith, Esq.,
22 Lyndhurst Street,
RICHMOND, E.1.

Dear Mr. Smith,

Would you please communicate with me at this Hospital and inform me of the present condition of your health? If possible, I should like this report to be obtained from your local doctor.

The above information is required as an essential part of the follow-up treatment of this department of the Hospital. It enables us, for your personal benefit, to keep a close watch on the progress of your case, and also to arrange for any further necessary attendances at this Hospital.

A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed for your reply.

Yours faithfully,

*C. V. Mackay, M.D.
per BA*

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,
Medical Officer,
Surgical Follow-up Department.

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5th March, 1942.

Dr. Wm. H. G. Steele, M.B., B.S.,
Barker Street,
CASTLEMAINE.

Dear Dr. Steele,

Many thanks for your replies to our recent questionnaire on
cancer.

If I can help you with the diagnosis or treatment of any of
your cases of malignant disease, I should be glad if you would avail
yourself of the services placed at your disposal by the Anti-Cancer
Council.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY,
Executive Medical Officer.

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Dr. C. V. Mackay M.D. F.R.A.C.P.,
Executive Medical Officer, Anti-Cancer Council,
Royal Melbourne Hospital, C.I.

C/o. ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS,
Spring Street,

Melbourne, C.I.

4th December, 1941.

Dear Dr. Mackay,

I am enclosing copies of two letters which arrived today from the Almoner Department at St. Vincent's Hospital, together with a copy of my reply. I do not think that we can meet individual small amounts of this nature, but after you investigate the matter with the Head Almoner at St. Vincent's Hospital I would suggest that you might like to recommend to the Executive Committee that the Samaritan Fund at the Hospital should be supplemented by the Anti-Cancer Council in a similar manner to that already adopted for the Royal Melbourne Hospital and the Women's Hospital; however, I think that this is a matter which you should handle.

Yours faithfully,


H. G. Wheeler,
Secretary.

COPY

ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL

2nd December, 1941.

The Secretary,
Finance Committee,
Anti-Cancer Council,
MELBOURNE.

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Dear Sir,

re Mrs. Lilian Richards, 44 William Street, Abbotsford

The above patient has been required to attend the deep therapy department daily, and at present time she is awaiting admission to Austin Hospital Heidelberg. Her husband is in receipt of an Invalid Pension and Mrs. Richards, while able to do so, did daily domestic work, washing, cleaning etc. There is no family. Her fares have cost 6d daily and I have given her 10/- from this department to help with this.

From an enquiry at the Austin Hospital, I think it will probably be another fortnight before she can be admitted there, and I shall be grateful for any assistance that your Committee can give in the matter of fares for our patient.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

S. M. HEDWIGE.
Almoner Department.

ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL

2nd December, 1941.

The Secretary,
Finance Committee,
Anti-Cancer Council
MELBOURNE. C.1

Dear Sir,

re William Jones, 5 Hotham St. Seddon

The abovementioned patient is required to attend Hospital daily for deep-therapy treatment for melano in foot, with involvement of glands. He has made practically daily attendances since September 15th and, as his fares cost 1/- per day, his savings are now practically exhausted and he is unable to meet this cost.

Mr. Hones has done labouring work up till the time of his illness. He is a married man with three children, the eldest of whom is now working and bringing £1 weekly into the home. His fellow employees also make a weekly contribution of another £1 and this constitutes the present family income.

I have today given him 10/- from this department to help with his fares, but as I understand your committee is kindly prepared to assist such cases I am referring his case to you.

Hoping to hear from you on the matter and thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

S. M. HEDWIGE.
Almoner Department.

ANTI-CANCER COUNCIL OF VICTORIA

4th December, 1941.

The Head Almoner,
Almoner Dept.,
St. Vincent's Hospital, N.6.

Dear Madam,

Thank you for your two letters of 2nd December, 1941, concerning Mrs. Lilian Richards and Mr. Wm. Jones. I am handing both these letters to my Council's Executive Medical Officer, Dr. C. V. Mackay, with the request that he will call and consult you concerning these two patients.

Dr. Mackay will, no doubt, communicate with you tomorrow.

Yours faithfully,

H. G. WHEELER
Secretary.

25th February, 1942.

Dr. C. H. Prouse,
Cherry Street,
WERRIBEE.

Dear Dr. Prouse,

I have written an urgent appeal for the admission of your patient, George Sleeman, to the Austin Hospital.

I shall be paying a visit to the hospital on Friday morning and shall see the Medical Superintendent with reference to the patient.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,
Executive Medical Officer.

CVM.BH

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TO 10 30 A.M.
1. TO 4 P.M.
4. TO 8 P.M

Cherry Street,
Werribee

WERRIBEE 27

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Dear Dr Mackay,

Many thanks for your
offer of assistance re admission of
a severe case to hospital contained
in your letter of the 21st inst

So far he has not received any
word from the Austin Hospital.
The patient's name is George SKEEMAN

He is an old age pensioner & a bachelor.
He resides with Mr A. Juttie in Walter
Street Werribee, but has not got any
relatives.

He has the usual history of loss of appetite, loss of
weight, pain of worse after food, some vomiting
& nausea. Is pale & somewhat cachectic
looking & has a palpable mass in his epigastrium

He has a carcinoma of the stomach
& I think I am anxious to get him to the
Austin Hosp.

Sincerely yours
C. P. Prouse

25th February, 1942.

The Medical Superintendent,
The Austin Hospital for Cancer & Chronic Diseases,
HEIDELBERG.

Dear Dr. Roche,

I should be grateful if you could expedite the admission to the Austin Hospital of a male cancer patient. The name is George Sleeman, and he is recommended for admission by Dr. C. H. Prouse of Werribee as suffering from Carcinoma of the Stomach.

The patient's address is, c/o Mr. A. Rutter, Walton Street, Werribee. A telephone message to Mr. S. Callaram, Chemist, (Werribee 14) would be passed on.

The patient is an old age pensioner and a bachelor and has, I am informed, a palpable abdominal mass.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY,
Executive Medical Officer.

CVM.BH

27th February, 1942.

Dr. C. H. Prouse,
WERRIBEE.

Dear Dr. Prouse,

I visited the Austin Hospital this morning. Arrangements had been made to write to your patient, Mr. George Sleeman, arranging for his early admission to the Hospital.

The Medical Superintendent is very short of staff at present.

Yours faithfully,

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

153 Almond Ave
Mildura

SIMMONDS

26/2/42

The Executive Medical Officer.

Dear Sir.

Would you kindly forward Booklet, "What Every Adult Should Know About Cancer."

I have several hard lumps under right arm pit, am attending D^r for same, but he will not tell me what is wrong, but advises immediate operation, so am rather fearing the worst.

Thanking you in anticipation

I am Sir

Yours faithfully

M^r V. E. Simmonds

2nd March, 1942.

Mrs. V. E. Simmonds,
153 Almond Avenue,
MILDURA.

Dear Mrs. Simmonds,

I have much pleasure in sending you our booklet on
Cancer.

I sincerely hope that your fears regarding the nature
of the lumps under your arm will not be justified. You should
follow the advice of your local doctor and have them removed as
soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

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

26th February, 1942.

Edward J. Sherry, Esq.,
4 Wesley Avenue,
GARDENVALE, S.4.

Dear Sir,

I am pleased to send you one of our booklets on cancer today. The condition which you describe on the penis may lead to cancer as the site is not an uncommon one.

I would recommend you to consult your own local medical practitioner and if he would like any assistance from me I shall be very pleased to help him.

Yours faithfully,

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

#4 Westley Avenue
Gardenvale S.A.

23 February 1942

Officer in Charge
Australasian College of Surgeons

Dear Sir

In recent issues of
the daily press appeared offer of free booklet
"What every adult should know about cancer"
I would be grateful to have one mailed
to me at above address

Yours faithfully
Edward J. Sharry

P.S.

would like some information on penis that
has had the skin at top of same broken then
apparently sealed, and after about three months
given rise to a growth of furry looking skin
or flesh on the sight of original abrasion.
These risen sections are not sore but irritate
the foreskin. Is this likely to be a cancer

E.J.S.

26th February, 1942.

J. J. STEWARD

PERSONAL

Dr. E. J. C. Hamp,
DROUIN.

Dear Dr. Hamp,

If you have not already received the following information I feel sure you will be interested in the post mortem findings on your patient, Mr. J. J. Stewart, who died in the Royal Melbourne Hospital on the 14th of last January. You operated upon him in August last year.

"The first and second parts of the duodenum were enormously dilated and the mucosa was pale. In the first part on the posterior wall was a small, firm, white submucous nodule. There was no ulceration. In the first part of the duodenum was a small ringlike tumour causing obstruction. The tumour tissue was pale and very firm.

There was fungation into the lumen and infiltration of all coats. The orifice in this region would not admit one finger. The tumour was mobile.

Microscopical examination showed: Duodenal Tumour:- "Infiltrating adenocarcinoma with fibrosis, numoid degeneration." Duodenal nodule:- "Appears to be composed of ducts and included glands."

Yours faithfully,

O. V. MACKAY,
Executive Medical Officer.

CVM:RH

26th February, 1942.

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"The first and second parts

24th February, 1942.

Mrs. N. L. Smith,
WARRAKOO,
via WENTWORTH, N.S.W.

Dear Mrs. Smith,

I was very pleased to learn that your operation had been so successful and that, generally speaking, you felt so much better than formerly.

The minor troubles which you mentioned should be kept in check fairly easily and I should advise you to depend entirely on your local doctor for relief of the pain near the hip joint and for the itchininess in the groin. Don't hesitate to consult him, as minor ills can be very irritating.

Yours sincerely,

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

Warrakoo
Via Wentworth
N. S. W.
20.2.42

104 W. Kay.

Dear Dr.
You said you would be pleased to hear of my progress after the op. It is 11 mths today since my operation & I am feeling splendid at present - except for a pain that catches me rather sharply if bending too long or turn quickly. It seems to be below the waist - to the right of the spine in the hip joint. I have had it often for yrs so think it - sciatica & nothing to do with the operation.

My internal parts are splendid & I have no pain whatever since Nov. up till then I had the slight worrying pain in right side that I had previous to the op. so decided to see a Dr., I thought it may be appendicitis, & I also had & still ^{have} an itch in the groin. (right).

Dr. prescribed an ointment - & said I would get it again. I was afraid I had picked up a germ, he said not.

However at times it worries me a lot - it seems worse with perspiration & heat. I bathe often & now apply zinc & starch powder. It is right in the crease of the leg & is now like a nest of pimples, tho they never come to a head. I would like to have gone down to see Dr. again, but the journey there & back is nearly 1000 mls, so I hesitated after Dr. telling me it wasn't serious. I feel uneasy about it.

The constipation is no better. I have the use of my bowels every day, but always take medicine. I can go some days without medicine.

I have plenty fruit & exercise.

Too much of the latter, perhaps, I feel so well in the mornings, but have to go carefully as I tire by mid-day. I am usually awake 2 to 3 hrs every night, as it is then that the itch worries me most.

I thank you for the interest you

Shown & the help you have given me.

Dr. Wm. A. J. Smith.

Mrs. Sincerely
Wm. Marie S. Smith

Warrakoo
via Wentworth
21.12.40

W^d Mackay Dear Sir

As promised I am writing to let you know the results of W^d Chambers examination. I intended calling on you, but had no spare time before leaving Melb.

W^d advised an operation, as I am torn about, bladder out of position & womb full of fibrous tumor & also very much enlarged. I thank you for your kindness to me & will call & see you again when I go down again.

It was a relief to know that there is no sign of cancer yet. W^d Chambers said he cannot understand why the Adelaide W^d said it was too late for an operation. We are still hoping for rain, the dams are going dry & it will be serious if we do not get rain over

Wishing you the best of the season
Yours sincerely
W. R. & Smith

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14 PARLIAMENT PLACE.

MELBOURNE C2.

12. 12. 40

Dear St Mackay.

Thank you for advising
me Mr. Smith to see me.

She has an enlarged retroverted
uterus with some early prolapse.
present. There are some fibroids
present in the uterus. I do not
think the condition is a malignant
one. I have reassured her &
also advised that she would
be more comfortable if she
were operated on.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Chamber

INFORMATION BUREAU,

18th November, 1940.

Mrs. N. L. Smith,
Warrakoo,
via Wentworth, N.S.W.

Dear Mrs. Smith,

I have read your letter of the
14th November and am pleased to give you my advice.

You will appreciate that it is very
difficult for me to understand all the factors in
your case without the direct information from the
medical men who have examined you. From what you
have told me I would say that their recommendations
appear to be quite soundly based. If, however, you
are ever likely to visit Melbourne I would be pleased
to give you the names of some medical men whom you
might consult with confidence.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM:MD

Warrakoo
Via Wentworth
N.S.W

14.11.40

Sec of
The R.A.C.S.

Dear Sirs

I read in
the Sun of 6th inst: Your advert-
re cancer. I was examined by a
specialist in Adelaide in July.
He said I had a fibrous tumour
internally, of long standing & too
late for an operation. I was exam-
ined 3 times previously in 3 yrs &
told I had no growth.

I am female 31 yrs of age &
menstruate regularly, not too freely
just-ordinarily, but much more
than when young, had 2 slight-
floodings in 6 mths. Dr. said to
expect that & is the only chance of
regaining cure, to clear up with
change of life. 19 yrs ago I was examined
& Dr. said it was prolapsed ovary (right-)
so always thought-pain & discomfort-

attached to that, but determined at-
43 to be examined periodically,
only to be told there was no growth.
In July I had anaesthetic as I
couldn't bear examination without.
I went to W^r on account of pain
when sitting on anything hard + on
rising from a seat. It was afraid
of a growth at base of spine as
tender spot seemed definitely on
end of spine but pain spread to
buttocks. W^r said there was nothing
there that it was pressure from
the growth. My mother had same
complaint, tho I always menstruated
very freely as a girl, inverted
nipples + she is 74, is not-
bothered any more.

Am I wise to take W^r advice +
just go on + let things take their
course or do you advise an
examination + by whom.

It was W^r Peely of Midway who
said there was no growth but
advised an operation to feel more
comfortable as I was torn with child-
birth, I had 3 births + 3 miscarriages.

my oldest - 24 + youngest - 21. Swelling to hear from you
purposes or small swelling
front-pass each mtk.
W^r N. G. Smith
Dr. Sweeney

23rd February, 1942.

The Editor,
"The Sun News Pictorial",
Flinders Street,
CITY.

Dear Sir,

On behalf of my Council I desire to express its sincere appreciation of the most valuable assistance which you have given to the efforts which are being made to obtain early treatment for patients suffering from cancer.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, V.D.,
Executive Medical Officer.

23rd February, 1942.

Mrs. Eileen Stevenson,
28 Power Street,
NORTH WILLIAMSTOWN.

Dear Madam,

I have read your letter of the 20th of February carefully and I have also communicated with the authorities of the Women's Hospital.

Would you kindly attend that hospital on Friday afternoon and at half past one, so that the medical officer may ascertain the result of your operation last year, and also examine the condition of your breasts. Please take this letter with you.

So far as I have been able to ascertain, you have not suffered from cancer, but you should make a direct enquiry on this subject from the doctor at the Women's Hospital on Friday.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.BH

28 Power St.
N.H. Williamstown

W-16.

Feb. 20. 1942.

Dear Dr.

I am writing these few lines, hoping you will be able to put my mind at ease. I will make my letter as short as possible. My age is 38 & I have 2 children. The youngest 4 yrs. I had an operation in Women's Hospital 11 months ago. As far as I can gather the womb was the only organ removed. I was told by the Drs that I had been very ill. I spent 3 weeks at Womens. 3 weeks at After-care & a fortnight at Convalescent Home. The cause was cancer. Since then I have not felt as well as I think I should. They told me I would put on weight, but

I am still 7 stone 6 lbs. I get very severe pains in both breasts + over both hips + groins. In each case the pain is much worse on the left side than the right. From the right breast I have a milky discharge. But this is why I am worried. From the left one the discharge is a dirty amber color + discharges quite a lot from the nipple. I have not had any ~~periods~~ periods since operation. I get a lot of hot flushes + at night in bed I am in a bath of perspiration. I also have a very weak feeling at most times. I get very exhausted with everything I do, although I have taken bottles of iron tonic to make up for haemorrhages before operation.

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I would be so grateful if you could set my mind at ease; as I didn't know if that discharge from the breast was quite natural. If you have a copy of the book you advertised to spare, I would be so grateful.

Thanking you very much.

I remain

Yrs Sincerely

(Mrs) Eileen Stevenson

P.S. I forgot to inform you that my breasts swell very much at times.

20th February, 1942.

Mrs. D. Strong,
16 Eureka Street,
NORTH RICHMOND.

Dear Mrs. Strong,

To the best of our knowledge and belief cancer is not inherited. It is very possible, however, that some families have a weakness in their tissues which predisposes to the formation of cancer. We do, therefore, know of families in which cancer is more prevalent than among other members of the community.

I am pleased to send you our booklet as it will help you, and I sincerely hope without causing you any undue anxiety, to realize if you have any symptoms pointing to this disease.

I shall be very pleased to help you at any future date.

Yours faithfully,

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

16 Eureka St.
North Richmond
19-2-42.

L.

College of Surgeons.

Dear Sir

Can cancer be passed on from parents to children. my father died with cancer in the throat. 8 yrs ago. my mother died on the 10th of this month with cancer in the breast. I am deeply interested in cancer and the cause of it, I am also scared of it, would you please send me a free booklet on cancer, and tell me how would a woman know when she had it.

and oblige
Yours faithfully

(Mrs) D. Strong.

20th February, 1942.

Dr. Adrian J. Serong,
NAGASAKI.

Dear Dr. Serong,

Many thanks for your answers to our questionnaire, we have been favoured with numerous replies which will be of great assistance in framing our policy with regard to indigent country patients.

I have looked up particulars concerning your patient, Mrs. J. Woods, who has for some time attended the radio-therapeutic clinic at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. These are her attendances during the past two years and her treatment notes are signed by the medical officers.

Attended 12/1/40, seen by Dr. Kaye-Scott.
Attended 30/8/40 and 11/10/40 and seen by Dr. Kaye-Scott.
Attended 21/3/41 and seen by Dr. Thomas who is assisting Dr. Kaye-Scott.

On the 3rd of December you reported her clinical condition to Dr. Kaye-Scott. The record disproves the patient's contention that she rarely sees a doctor when she attends the radio-therapeutic clinic at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Yours faithfully,

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

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14th February, 1942.

Dr. J. R. Searls,
BAIRNSDALE.

Re Mrs. Dowe.

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(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

C/o ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

Spring Street,

Melbourne, C.1.

12th February, 1942.

Mr. Henry Searby, F.R.C.S.,
14 Parliament Place,
MELBOURNE, C.2.

Dear Mr. Searby,

I am enclosing a copy of a letter recently received from Dr. Stewart of Comuna. You operated upon the patient, Radnell, in August of last year for Carcinoma of the descending colon and the resection has apparently been very successful.

The surgical "follow-up" system for cancer patients is efficient and if patients live in country districts I endeavour to get them to report to their own medical practitioners rather than to come to Melbourne.

What I evidently have not yet inaugurated is sufficient liaison between the general practitioner and the public hospital, so that the former might be informed when his patient, suffering from malignancy, was discharged back to him, and what surgical procedures, etc., had been adopted.

Yours sincerely,

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

Enc.
CVM.BH

12th February, 1942.

Dr. Charles Stewart,
COHUNA.

Dear Dr. Stewart,

Many thanks for your clinical notes concerning your patient,
Mr. Charles Radnell.

I shall send a copy to Mr. Henry Searby who performed the
operation of resection of a large fungating papilliform mass in
the descending colon on the 11th of last August.

The pathologist diagnosed this as an Adeno-Carcinoma.

We are very glad to hear that Mr. Radnell is progressing
satisfactorily and I shall probably be asking you for a further
report in about six months' time.

I am at present unable to trace Mrs. Dugden.

Very many thanks for your offer of co-operation in our "follow-
up" cancer work.

Yours sincerely,

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

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DR. CHARLES STEWART,
COHUNA.

9/2/42

Dear Dr McKay.

W. Radnell

is fairly well. The Calostomy
has not yet quite closed
but his bowels are acting
quite well + little comes through
what remains of the fistula.

He has a fistula just outside
the external anal sphincter
which will have to be dealt
with later. W. Radnell is
back at work & is gaining
weight.

DR. CHARLES STEWART,
COHUNA.

Tel. 6.

Your letter is the only
confirmation of my own
diagnosis that I have ever
received. It is a great pity
both from the point of view
of patients & their doctors
that Public Hospitals never
send back reports of other
findings or procedure
when they discharge patients
I presume this follow-
up has just commenced
since I have had no

DR. CHARLES STEWART,
COHUNA.

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inquiring regarding
Mr. Dwyler who had
a career of the nature
respected a few years
ago & has a permanent
Colonizing. I will
do all I can to help
you with the greatest
pleasure.

Faithfully,

Charles E. Stewart

1st
Sewell

Adel. Cal.

Large fermenting "Pupill" mass

Sewby

X Ray

11.8.41

DR. L. H. RICHARDSON

TELEPHONE
JA 5191

ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL
FITZROY, N.6

Tuesday 20th.

The Cancer Registrar,
Royal Melbourne Hospital,
Buntingsdale Street,
Melbourne. C.1.

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed the list of cases referred from the Royal Melbourne Hospital to St. Vincent's Hospital and their "follow-up".

Yours faithfully,

J. Smith, *per B.F.*

Cancer Registrar.

Allen, Ina	Ca. Breast.	Lost trace of patient
414 Anderson, Harold	Sar. soft tissues	Lost trace of patient
1371 Anker, (Lee)Elsie	Ca. Breast 208 6823	No record of patient
1857 Batty, Ada	Ca. Vulva	Transferred to Austin
1338 Berry, Charles	Ca. Skin	Last reported in May
1864 Boyd, Ellen	Ca. Breast	Last reported in Nov.
1858 Darrington, Martha	Ca. Breast	Last reported in Nov.
1855 Gibson, Ada	Ca. Nasal Cavity	Died 22 August, 1941
1133 Gilchrist, Keith	Ca. Buccal Cavity	Last reported in April
1640 Hall, Lily	Ca. Breast	Last reported in Nov.
1270 Griffiths, Daisy	Ca. Breast	Last reported in Dec.
1853 Hancock, Lavinia	Ca. Breast	Last reported in Dec.
1471 Harding, Grace	Ca. Breast	Last reported in Dec.
1355 Laidler, Flora	Ca. Breast	Last reported in May
1156 Lewis, Henry	Ca. Buccal Cavity	Last reported in Dec.
1854 Linklater, Murdock	Malgt. Neoplasm	Referred to R.M.H. Sept.
554 Parker, Ellen	Ca. Breast	Written up for Austin. (Jan. 1942)
1868 Royle, Herbert	Ca. Skin	Last reported in Sept.
1862 Scarce, Evelyn	Neo. Salivary Gland	Last reported in Nov.
1572 Scott, Martha	Ca. Breast	Last reported in Dec.
1445 Thurgood, Emily	Ca. Thyroid	Referred to R.M.H. Sept.

31st December, 1941.

The Cancer Registrar,
St. Vincent's Hospital,
Victoria Parade,
FITZROY.

Dear Sir,

I should be much obliged if you would kindly let me have the necessary information regarding "follow-up" of the patients whose names appear on the enclosed list.

Thanking you in anticipation.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,
per

Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

ALLEN Ina	Ca. Breast	1940
ANDERSON Harold	Sar. Soft Tissues	1940
ANKER (LEE) Elsie	Ca. Breast	1941
BATTY Ada	Carc. Vulva	1941
BERRY Charles	Car. Skin	1941
BOYD Ellen	Ca. Breast	1941
DARRINGTON Martha	Ca. Breast	1941
GIBSON Ada	Ca. Nasal Cavity	1941
GILCHRIST Keith	Ca. Buccal Cavity	1941
GRIFFITHS Daisey	Ca. Breast	1941
HALL Lily	Ca. Breast	1941
HANCOCK Lavinia	Ca. Breast	1941
HARDING Grace	Ca. Breast	1941
LAIDLER Flora	Ca. Breast	1941
LEWIS Henry	Ca. Buccal Cavity	1941
LINKLATER Murdock	Maligt. Neoplasm	1941
PARKER Ellen	Ca. Breast	1940
ROYLE Herbert	Ca. Skin	1941
SCARCE Evelyn	Neo. Salivary Gland	1941
SCOTT Martha	Ca. Breast	1941
THURBOOD Emily	Ca. Thyroid	1941

36. Bell street.
Richmond F.I.
28.12.41.

Dr. G. T. Backay,
Dear Sir,

On Saturday I called at the
College to make an appointment to see you, &
was advised to do same per letter & was
hoping for an early interview, it is in reference
to a small lump I have recently noticed in
my left breast, it is not in any way painful
but has got me rather worried.

In case these particulars are
necessary I am worried & going on for 28 yrs.

Before closing would like to say I
have read your book "What Every Adult
Should Know About Cancer" & should also
like you to forward the written matter
mentioned on the last page of the book.

Thanking you & hoping if possible
you could arrange for an appointment any day
next Monday or Friday, as I am working & should
find it difficult to get away on those days.
I remain,

Sincerely,
Thelma Sheen.

30th December, 1941.

Mrs. T. Sheen,
36 Bell Street,
RICHMOND, E.I.

Dear Mrs. Sheer,

I received your letter of the 28th of December this morning. It gives me much pleasure to be able to be of some assistance to you. My Council is most anxious that women with lumps in the breast should receive medical advice as early as possible.

Personally I am unable to examine you as our considered policy is that all patients should either go in the beginning to their local medical practitioners or to the out-patient department of one of the public hospitals.

You could, of course, see your local doctor during his evening consulting hours. At the public hospital you would have to attend in the afternoon. If you decide to attend at a public hospital I shall be pleased to make arrangements for you.

All lumps in the breast are possibly dangerous, but I sincerely hope that yours is of an innocent character. Please let me know what you decide to do.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.BH

23-11-41

Dr C.V. Mackay
c/o Royal Australasian College of Surgeons
Spring St - Melbourne - C.V.

Dear Charles,

Just a few lines to thank you very much for kind assistance rendered re the legless old lady afflicted by carcinoma of the cervix, whose case I brought under your notice a few weeks ago.

I wrote the Superintendent of the Women's Hospital as you suggested and understand the patient was admitted as arranged.

With kindest regards to Mrs Mackay & yourself
from hands & self

Yours sincerely

A.C. Satter.

14th November, 1941.

Dr. J. R. Searls,
BAIRNSDALE.

Dear Dr. Searls,

Many thanks for your ^{clinical} reports on Messrs. Robert White
and A. Kilmartin, also the pathological report on Mrs.
Lavinia Hancock.

Yours faithfully,

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

DR. EDWARD BANNON

30 LIEBIG STREET,
WARRNAMBOOL.

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Dear Dr Mackay,

I have completed and enclosed forms of Miss Emily Smith, about whom I wrote to you. I desire to thank you

for your interest, and for the trouble that you have gone to to have the matter finalized.

I would be grateful for her very early admission to the Austin, as lately she has become very disoriented, and the tumor is enlarging.

Yours sincerely

Edward Bannon
EBB

PS. She will be able to pay her own fare and ambulance EB

18th November, 1941.

The Manager & Secretary,
Austin Hospital for Cancer & Chronic Diseases,
HEIDELBERG.

Dear Mr. Cameron,

I enclose application forms for admission of a Miss
Emily Smith of Warrnambool and a copy of a letter from her
medical attendant.

Dr. Bannon and I have had some correspondence over
this case.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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

CVM.BH

SEDLEY Lytton

20 - 11 - 41
% Post Office
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C.R. 1657

Dear Sir

I wish to thank you for enquiring about the health of my father. It appears to me that he is steadily getting worse. he is suffering awful pain in the stomach all the time, he gets no sleep, and can hardly eat, what he eats gives him worse pain. Fluid accumulating around the stomach inconveniences him greatly. This doesn't sound very promising Doctor, but you will know what is wrong better than I.

Trusting you will reply.

I remain

yours sincerely

L. Sedley, Jr.

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

22nd November,

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L. Sedley, Junior, Esq.,
c/o Post Office,
NORTH ESSENDON.

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter of the 20th of November giving me particulars of your father's present state of health.

It is quite evident that he is seriously ill and you must depend upon your local medical practitioner to obtain relief for him.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,
Medical Officer,
Surgical Follow-up Department.

CVM.BH

7th November, 1941.

Mr. Henry Searby, F.R.C.S.,
14 Parliament Pl.,
MELBOURNE, C.1.

Re Marie HERD

Filed under "H"

13 Sir Garnet Road,
Survey Hills E.O.
5. 11. 41.

Dr. G. F. Mackay,
Surgical Follow-up Dept.,
Royal Melbourne Hospital,
Melbourne.

Dear Doctor, Re Ms Laura Steel.

Thank you for your interest in my daughter in law, and in reply to your letter I am very pleased to report that Ms Steel is both feeling and looking very well.

You say your department has heard nothing of her since April last. Evidently there has been a misunderstanding somewhere, for the Specialist told Ms Steel in April that he didn't wish to see her for another twelve months. I think it only fair to state that Ms Steel has obeyed every instruction of the Hospital and if it is desired, Ms Steel would gladly report again before next April.

Thanking you again for your interest.
Yours faithfully,
E. Kroschel

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

6th November, 1941.

Mrs. E. Kroschel,
13 Sir Garnet Road,
SURREY HILLS, E.10.

Dear Mrs. Kroschel,

I am very glad to receive your report concerning Mrs. Laura Steel. I regret there has been a misunderstanding regarding the instructions of the specialist.

If Mrs. Steel will attend again in April next year it will be quite satisfactory. Reports and attendances are arranged solely with the idea of being beneficial to the patient. If any change in condition occurs in the meantime Mrs. Steel should come to the hospital without delay.

Yours faithfully,

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

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

1st November, 1941.

STEEL *Laura*

Mrs. E. Kroschel,
13 Sir Garnet Road,
SURREY HILLS, E.10.

Dear Madam,

I should be very interested and pleased if you could write and inform me of the present state of health of ~~Mrs. Laura Steel.~~ Mrs. Steel gave us your name and address when she was an in-patient at this Hospital in June, last year. This department has heard nothing of her since April last.

A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed.

Thanking you,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,
Medical Officer,
Surgical Follow-up Department.

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2-11-41

Dr C. V. Mackay

c/o Cancer Information Bureau
Royal Melb. Hosp.

SALTER

Dear Dr Mackay,

A few days ago I saw an old lady aet. 74 showing haemorrhage p.v. Subsequently Dr W.R. Griffiths examined her and agreed that she was almost certainly afflicted with endocervical carcinoma and further that had it not been for her age and certain other conditions, surgery would have very likely been successful in coping with the trouble.

One of the contraindications is that she is a diabetic, though not on insulin, and within the last two years Dr J. B. P. Strachan of Creswick in the course of a few months amputated both her lower limbs about the middle of the thighs, for gangrene.

Her general condition at present seems so good, that were it not for the malignancy, we would think that she still had some years expectancy of life.

I understand she is a pensioner and that private treatment in the way of radium therapy is quite beyond her means and that of her family, though they could arrange her transport to Melbourne and probably help a little with her maintenance.

I would be thankful for advice from you as to whether, and if so, when she could be admitted to the R.M.H. for radium therapy.

With kind regards
yours sincerely
A. C. Salter.

3rd November, 1941.

Dr. A. C. Salter, M.B., B.S.,
612 Sturt Street,
BALLARAT.

Dear Claude,

I am very pleased to have your letter and I shall do everything possible for your patient with Carcinoma of the Cervix Uteri.

In my opinion, the Women's Hospital or the Austin Hospital would be preferable institutions for her type of case. The latter is now a treatment hospital and both radium and deep x-ray treatment can be administered there.

I shall try the Women's Hospital first and see if I can get a bed as early as possible under Dr. Cusack. I should be pleased to set arrangements in motion for a free railway pass to Melbourne as a stretcher case in the Guard's van with an attendant relative if you consider this necessary.

The Civil Ambulance would, of course, be notified so that she would be met at the train. The case is an exceptional one and no trouble would be too great. I shall let you know when a bed is available and if you think that the relations can, without difficulty, bring the old lady safely to Melbourne, I shall do no more.

With kind regards to Mrs. Salter and yourself.

Sincerely yours,

CHARLES MACKAY

CVM.BH

P.S. I have just obtained a bed at the Women's Hospital for Monday 17th of November. Would you kindly communicate with the Medical Superintendent, Dr. Mackie, and let her know the patient's name.

5th November, 1941.

Dr. M. Snow,
Main Street,
STAWELL.

Dear Sir,

I regret that I am unable to be of any assistance to you with regard to the purchase of special needles, etc.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.BH

Main Street,
Stawell

3/11/41

The Secretary

Recess Infir. Bureau
Royal Chelb. Hospital

Dear Sir.

I would appreciate
very much if you could
inform me where I
could obtain resins
needles, their price etc.

Yours faithfully
(M.S.)

29th October, 1941.

The Head Almoner,
St. Vincent's Hospital,
Victoria Parade,
FITZROY.

Dear Madam,

I am searching for a satisfactory solution of the hostel problem for cancer patients who are receiving x-ray or radium treatment without admission to hospital.

It would help me greatly in my enquiries for this kind of accommodation, if you could give me some approximate idea of the average number of men for whom accommodation would be required each week.

The number of beds likely to be required each week for indigent cancer patients is an important element in my problem, and I am making the same enquiry at the Royal Melbourne and at the Alfred Hospital.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.BH

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St. Vincent's Hospital,
FITZROY, N.6.

Dr. C. V. Mackay,
Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria,
c/o Royal Australian College of Surgeons,
Spring Street,
MELBOURNE, C.1.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your enquiry of 29th ult. regarding the number of men in Out-patients of the hospital receiving radium or x-ray treatment and for whom accommodation would be required each week, I find that the average number for this hospital has been eight (8) for the past three months.

Appreciating your efforts to solve the accommodation problem for such cases,

I am,

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) S. M. HEDWIZE.

ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL,
MELBOURNE,
ALMONER DEPARTMENT.