

# Electroconvulsive Treatment (ECT) Serious Adverse Event Reporting Form

Office of the Chief Psychiatrist

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The Chief Psychiatrist must be notified as soon as practicable of serious adverse events related to the use of Electroconvulsive Treatment (ECT) resulting:

- in death (including near misses)
- serious injury
- serious illness
- or require transfer to an emergency department or similar setting

Complete details below.

<b>Consumer Name:</b>		Statewide UR:	Date of Birth:
Area Mental Health and Wellbeing Service:			
Diagnosis:			
Number of ECTs:			
Electrode placement, pulse width, energy of index ECT:			
Medical status prior to (including medical treatments) index ECT:			
Medical medications prior to index ECT:			
Psychiatric treatments including medications prior to index ECT:			

<b>Adverse event</b>
What happened?
What action did you take?
Were there any outcomes?
Was open disclosure conducted with the consumer and family?
<b>Completed by:</b> Name: Position: Contact detail:

**Instructions:**

Complete form and email to Office of the Chief Psychiatrist [ocp@health.vic.gov.au](mailto:ocp@health.vic.gov.au)

Ensure subject line is titled: ECT Serious Adverse Event – Name of Health Service – (Initial of First Name of the Consumer and Full Last Name of the Consumer. E.g., John Smith as J Smith) – Date of the Adverse Event'.

Hand-written forms will not be accepted.

Any death relating to ECT must also be reported to the Coroner’s office by phoning 1300 309 519.

To receive this document in another format, phone 1300 767 299, using the National Relay Service 13 36 77 if required, or email [ocp@health.vic.gov.au](mailto:ocp@health.vic.gov.au)

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