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Dear Professor Paterson, The title of your investigation is seriously flawed. It should also include how to protect Doctors and other medical staff from being wrongfully accused. I well remember a radiographer who was accused by a patient & the hospital administration had him arrested at the hospital gate. There was no warning or or internal investigation. This man was eventually jailed & became a cause célèbre throughout Queensland as nobody who worked with him believed he was guilty. I employed a radiographer who was working in the same room and she was certain nothing happened to this woman who was upset & crying before she left the room to put the X-ray films thru the processor. If your report does not address this important issue of how to advise doctors & staff to avoid this happening you will have failed in your job. Many years ago I produced a document on how to protect our staff. In the over 50 years I have been in practice patient behaviour has changed. Women do not cover themselves up as they did once (modesty is often lacking) & teenagers order their mother to leave the room. I say to the mother "if you are going I will have to get the receptionist into the room". I say I have no issue with being rightfully accused but being wrongfully accused would be a nightmare! It is not too late to change the title of your investigation but if you want to attract the attention of the doctors in clinical practice you should.

There are doctors & other staff who do terrible things but 99% of us have never been in such trouble or even looked like it. We need your advice. Regards Alan Porter.Radiologist