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FYI, The Current is running a story on ER/PR. Please see attached statement forwarded by Eastern Health. This story will air nationally on Monday.

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Eastern Health originally began a review of all ER/PR receptor tests conducted by our laboratory since 1997 when we discovered inconsistencies in a small number of results.

Our first priority was and continues to be to our patients.

More than 900 test samples were sent to Mount Sinai Laboratory in Toronto. Collecting, sending, retesting and reviewing all these test samples has been an extensive process, but most tests have been reviewed and most patients have been notified. In the majority of cases the patient's treatment was confirmed appropriate.

As part of the review we have identified a small number of cases that require further follow-up. We are in the process of reviewing and addressing each of these cases individually.

Eastern Health is committed to disclosure and our clinical team members have communicated individually with all patients impacted by this review. However, patient confidentiality is an important principle in health care, not only in this province but across the country, so we do not discuss the details of individual cases publicly.

As to the statements of claim filed against the organization, every individual has the right to take whatever action they deem appropriate and we must allow the legal system to address the legal issues.

As a health care provider, we will stay focused on ensuring that our patients have every treatment opportunity that may be available to them and on addressing the systems issues that arise.

Eastern Health would like to assure the public that we take these matters seriously, that we have a team of clinical and administrative people working on this issue, and that we are dedicated to improving the system, learning from our experiences and ensuring quality care.

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