

Leona Barrington

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Attached to this email you will see Heather's explanation of our error rate. This is not to be shared with the media, but I thought you would like to see it for your own understanding.

Leona and I are working on the Q and A's and will forward these to you all by tomorrow.

Dr. Howell, Leona and I will be meeting on Sunday afternoon to review for Monday. You are welcome to join us for this briefing.

Leona will be booking two media briefings for Monday, beginning at 10:00 and 11:30. The first briefing will be for 3 CBC reporters and the second will be for the Telegram, the Independent, NTV and VOCM.

We will indicate to the media that we will be available for interviews Monday afternoon.

As part of the briefing, we would like to invite the media to visit the lab and see the Ventana. I'm assuming this is at the HSC? If not please clarify. Nash, we would like you to conduct this tour.

We will begin the briefing session with an explanation that this is an unprecedented event because of the lass action but that we believe we had an obligation to inform the general public about our outcomes and to provide the reporters with an opportunity to fully understand the test procedure and our actions since May 2005 so that they can report effectively on the issue. However, because of the lawsuit we are limited in what we can talk about in terms of causative factors. This will have to be dealt with by the courts. Secondly, we will not be talking about any individual cases. This information is protected and can only be discussed between the patient and care provider.

Please review the attached. I am very open to your concerns, suggestions, ideas, etc. Following our meeting with Dan I think I have a sense of how far we can go, but Heather will be sharing all of this as well as the q and a with him and I hope to get his feedback as well.



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Hi Susan,

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Hi Susan,

Sorry about not getting this to you yesterday, but I needed some quiet and a cup of tea to get it clear in my head.....

Here's my explanation..

939 (number of original identified negatives)
2760 (total number of cases)

I subtracted the known deceased from both the numerator and denominator which gives us:

763
2614

Then I subtracted the DCIS (52) and the confirmed positive (12) from the numerator as they should never have been in the mix in the first place.

699
2614 This gives us an original negativity rate of **26.7%**

From the retesting we have 369 confirmed negative, 13 that didn't change but the definition changed (they would be negative in the year tested and are the same value) and 4 retro converters (they are still negative)

386
2614 This gives us a negativity rate of **14.8%**

The difference would be **11.97%**.....

Heather

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