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Word is expected tomorrow on a study from Eastern Health on its review of estrogen and progesterone receptor testing in Breast Cancer patients at the Health Sciences Centre since 1997. Dr. Oscar Howell with medical services at eastern health, says they sent 939 negative tests to Mount Sinai Laboratory in Toronto for review. Results from 117 patients by a panel of oncologists, pathologists and surgeons, indicate they needed treatment changes. Breast Tumor samples are tested for estrogen and progesterone receptors to determine if hormonal therapy may be a treatment option. Howell says the patients have been told of a change in their test results, and they have met to determine further treatment options. However he says further information will not be released at this time, pending a class action lawsuit. Testing is expected to be reinstated at the Health Sciences centre in the coming year.

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