



Department of Laboratory Medicine  
March 21, 2007

Mr. John Abbott  
Deputy Minister  
Department of Health & Community Services  
P.O. Box 8700  
St. John's, NL, A1B 4J6

Dear Mr. Abbott:

**Re: Possible Loss of a Breast Pathology Specialist.**

I just wanted to inform you that another pathologist is looking for a job elsewhere. Dr. Beverley Carter is the only pathologist with subspecialty training in Breast Pathology in Newfoundland and Labrador. The reasons for applying for a job in BC is clearly stated in her letter submitted to me on March 19, 2007, (letter enclosed).

I cannot stress enough that after all fiasco with ER and PR testing and interpretation, the loss of this pathologist will greatly jeopardize the future of breast pathology practice in our province. She is currently a leader of the newly formed Breast Subspecialty Task Group at the Eastern Health and an invaluable resource for pathology and oncology practice in NL. Beside an exceptional three years of pathology service at the Eastern Health, St. John's Hospitals, she is an Acting Chair for the Breast Disease Site Group for the provincial Cancer Center; coordinator for educational events for NAP and Eastern Health, and the Director of a Quality Management Program for Pathology.

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As stated so many times before, I hope that you and Minister Wiseman bring this serious issue to all those who care for the patients of this province and bring resolution to pathology problems immediately.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Denic', written over a horizontal line.

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Encl: Letter from Dr. B. Carter and Job Advertisement

cc: Hon. Ross Wiseman, Minister for Health and Community Services,  
Dr. Oscar Howell, Vice President, Medical Services, Eastern Health