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Ms. Marian Crowley
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Dear Ms. Crowley,

**Re: Letter sent to patients and families Aug 16, 2007, regarding
Estrogen Receptor and Progesterone Receptor (ER/PR) retesting**

As the physicians who have been involved in the ER/PR retesting issues, we would like to express our concern with the inaccurate information sent in the letter to breast cancer patients and their families regarding ER/PR retesting. We have been given a copy of this letter by several of our patients during their visits with us. We were NOT given the opportunity to review the letter before it was sent.

This letter is inaccurate. Patients have been given incorrect information about the ER/PR retesting issue. The following statement "**those individuals whose breast cancer screening test results converted from clinically negative to clinically positive**" is false. This issue had NOTHING to do with screening for breast cancer and is completely misleading and confusing to patients. Also, the letter was sent to many patients who did NOT have a clinically meaningful change in ER/PR testing results. Therefore, we will not be responsible for dealing with the anxiety generated and patient queries resulting from the letter. All patients will be referred back to you and we will not answer any questions related to this letter.

Respectfully yours,

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