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John:

Cathi and I had a discussion regarding the use of the MCP database to identify patients who had films interperation by the suspended physician in Burin. The Medical Care Act is very specific in what we can disclose. There appears to be no provision to permit us to release these patients names even with the minister's consent. Given that we have identified the patients concerned and that it may take Eastern Health considerable time and effort to identify these same patients I asked Gerrie Smith to give us an opinion on the release of that data. I have attached her opinion.

Given the current ER/PR issue and the concerns here with possible delayed disclosure and potential risks to these patients I believe we have sufficient cause to allow this release of information and that in doing so we are acting within the spirit of the Act. We can discuss when we meet on Tuesday morning.

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Maira:

I can check on this on Tuesday/Wednesday. I expect we need someone from Ontario who is involved with their oncology service. Also may need support by someone with experience in clinical reviews. I am at the CADTH office in Ottawa on Wednesday. I could explore with their staff suggested names for consideration.

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John A and I have discussed briefly. John asked that I forward this to you for input regarding potential reviewers.

Thanks,

Molra

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