

From: [Pat Pilgrim](#)
To: [Heather Predham; Louise Jones;](#)
[Oscar Howell;](#)
cc: [Nancy Parsons; Pam Elliott;](#)
Subject: RE: ER/Pr - Notification of Deceased Realtives
Date: August-01-07 9:16:57 AM

Heather and Oscar, We need to have some further discussion on this. I will get us together by phone or some way before the end of the week. Within a couple of weeks, these results will be coming back and we have to know what we are going to do. Pat

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From: Heather Predham
 Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2007 8:21 PM
 To: Pat Pilgrim; Louise Jones; Oscar Howell
 Cc: Nancy Parsons; Pam Elliott
 Subject: RE: ER/Pr - Notification of Deceased Realtives

Hi,

I just wanted to clarify my two cents on the suggested paneling process for the deceased. So far when a family member calls looking for the retesting results on their relative, one of two things happens:

1. If the relative's ER/PR results did not change, the family member is notified (most often by Nancy) that the results did not change

or

2. If the relative's ER/PR results changed, a meeting is held with Nancy, Nash and Kara in which the results and the implications of that information is conveyed to the family member.

I am very cognizant on the toll of the second process is on Nancy, Nash and Kara and we also ran into major issues when the relative lived out of town. I was thinking, that if the results were reviewed by a group, it may alleviate some pressure on those disclosing or other routes of disclosure may be identified.

Unfortunately the discussion won't be treatment options it will be "what if".

Heather

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From: Pat Pilgrim

Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2007 10:55 AM
To: Heather Predham; Louise Jones
Subject: FW: ER/Pr - Notification of Deceased Realtives

FYI. Pat

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From: Oscar Howell
Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2007 9:16 AM
To: Pat Pilgrim
Subject: Re: ER/Pr - Notification of Deceased Realtives

Pat,

Sorry I missed the meeting and unfortunately next Monday I can't get there until 9:30 but I will touch base with you.

We will need to talk to Kara and Nash about the Panel as this will be different than the original prinincilpe of helping those who would benefit.

I do concur with the philosophy here and I will discuss and let you know.

Oscar

----- Original Message -----

From: Pat Pilgrim
To: Louise Jones; Oscar Howell
Cc: Heather Predham; Susan Bonnell; Pat Pilgrim
Sent: Mon Jul 30 13:02:21 2007
Subject: ER/Pr - Notification of Deceased Realtives

Hello, As you are both aware, George announced publicly that we would be carrying on with the retesting of all deceased patients who had original negative results. Susan is checking on the exact commitment he made re the notification of the deceased next of kin. Today in the Coordinating Committee, we talked about the possible notification alternatives and concluded that the best way to do this would be to attempt a direct notification via mail. We have already started sending the specimens to Mount Sinai for retesting. We expect to start getting the results in a couple of weeks. Oscar, for those that convert from negative to positive, the group felt they should be paneled to see how many of them would have had a treatment change???? We are thinking we follow the same process as we did for all others.

So, we just need your approval for the discussion we had today

- * We directly notify next of kin of results when they are received.
- * We have any conversions paneled to determine if there would have been a treatment change.

Pat