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Hi,

Here's our feedback what do you think....

Should we link with the Cancer Society and/or a breast cancer support group about this and send out a joint message?

what about st. pierre? I hadn't thought about that



letter for patients
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Heather

Dear

We are contacting patients who were previously diagnosed with breast cancer during a period the time between 1997 and 2004. All patients who have had a diagnosis of breast cancer were tested for the presence or absence of estrogen and progesterone receptors (ER and PR). Due to improved technology and the discovery of inconsistent results, Eastern Health has begun retesting a select group of breast cancer patients whose results indicated that they were negative for ER and PR.

Your previous test results indicated that you are negative for ER and PR and as the presence of these receptors helps determine the most appropriate treatment of breast cancer, your previously collected tissue sample will be retested. Although we are retesting your tissue sample, this does not mean your treatment will change at this time. We need to confirm the validity of your previous test results.

You are not required to have any additional testing and are not required to come to the hospital. Retesting will be conducted with existing tissue samples. It will however take *several weeks* to complete all the retesting.

Once your results of the retesting are known, you will be notified by *--this has to be determined---* and if follow-up is required, it will be discussed at that time.

If you have any questions about this process, or have not been contacted about your results, please call 1-800----- and leave a message. Someone will get back to you promptly.

Thank-you.