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From: Budgell, Judy
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2005 3:02 PM
To: Alteen, Larry; 'Hornell, Jim'; eforward@cehcib.nf.ca; Sherry Freake (sfreake@cehcib.nf.ca)
Subject: FW: ER/PR

Hi there,

This is a follow-up to the other email that was forwarded by HCCSJ Risk Manager re the above issue. Should we have some discussion re- data base ect. as well?

Judy

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

From: Heather Predham [mailto:Heather.Predham@hccsj.nl.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2005 4:15 AM
To: Budgell, Judy
Subject: RE: ER/PR

HI,

Over the summer I created a database of all the patient's, names address specimen number original ER/PR results etc. What myself and Chris Power at the Cancer Clinic are doing now is trying to identify who the physician will be. We using this as a registry to track who has been told what by whom....

Where they haven't been seen by the Cancer Clinic we need to identify the surgeon. A couple of surgeon's we use in cosultation throughout this asked that they have a list of their potentially affected patients because they are afraid that they might miss the report and not realize what it is when they sre going through a bunch of reports.

We also have infomration posted on the website and physicians etc are able to refer patients to the patient complaint line.

CMPA and Peter browne have been fussing and he and dan are meeting with dr. Williams this pm about that.

I think that's about it...you can call me if you want....

Heather

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

From: Budgell, Judy [mailto:JBudgell@cwhc.nl.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, October 04, 2005 1:53 PM
To: Heather Predham
Subject: RE: ER/PR

Hi Heather,

Have you any information available as it pertains to your email below?

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

From: Heather Predham [mailto:Heather.Predham@hccsj.nl.ca]
Sent: Monday, October 03, 2005 7:04 AM
To: Budgell, Judy; Susan Sullivan
Subject: RE: ER/PR

Hi,

The Independant ran a story on Sunday....NTV are doing a story tonight...I have to get in contact with all of you about communicating with the surgoens.....later today or tomorrow I'll send you something on what we are doing in case you want to do something similar

Heather

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

From: Budgell, Judy [mailto:JBudgell@cwahc.nl.ca]
Sent: Monday, October 03, 2005 9:46 AM
To: Heather Predham; Susan Sullivan; Budgell, Judy
Subject: RE: ER/PR

Hi Heather,

I have spoken to our VP Medical and he is aware of the issue and has been in a conversation with Bob Williams as of this weekend. It will be discussed today. Thanks for the information.

Judy

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

From: Heather Predham [mailto:Heather.Predham@hccsj.nl.ca]
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2005 10:43 AM
To: Susan Sullivan; jbudgell@cwahc.nl.ca
Subject: ER/PR

Hi guys,

We have had an issue with our ER/PR testing....this has been the issue that we have been dealing with all summer. ER/PR is estrogen and progesterone receptors and if a person has breast cancer and is positive for these receptors, she gets tamoxifen as a treatment instead of Chemotherapy.

She may end up on chemotherapy anyway, but it is felt that Tamoxifen may decrease the metastatic aspects of the breast cancer and has less awful side effects. (I say she but some of our affected patients are hes)

In 1997, a Dako semi-automated/manual system was installed for the Immunohistochemistry Service and replaced the bioassay method of testing for ER/PR receptors. This Dako system was replaced in 2004 by an automated Ventana system. In 2005, a patient, initially tested in 2002 with the Dako system and reported as ER/PR negative, was retested with the Ventana system and now indicated a strong positivity for estrogen and progesterone receptors. Four other patients initially tested as negative in 2002 were also retested, and all tested positive with the Ventana system.

We expanded our retesting to include all samples initially tested as negative in 2002 on the Dako system. Of the 57 retested on the Ventana system, 38 now showed positive results. This high conversion rate was unexpected and then placed the sensitivity of the Ventana System in question.

We have had external reviews done on our Ventana machine, on the pathology side of the service and the technical side. All those reports are pending, but we do have some recommendations that we can implement right now. Also we have stopped all testing and all requests for testing are being sent to Mt. Sinai. Mt. Sinai are also retesting all the blocks for these years. Results are starting to come in and it looks like we will have to contact up to 200 people to tell them that they were initially tested as negative, but were in fact positive.

Why am I telling you two all this? Well, since June, Dr. Cook our chief of pathology has requested that your two boards send in your blocks to be retested in Mt. Sinai, to no avail. I wanted to give you a heads up as we have to begin to inform people inidividually about this issue, but the Department of Health wants us to make a public statement. Since your labs have not responded yet to our request, you may be asked about the reasons why.....

What do you think?

Heather