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Hi,

Can you guys have a look at this letter? We have been unsuccessful in obtaining the services of an oncologist to be available to speak to the next-of-kin of those whose results changed and Pat was thinking of sending a letter such as this to Directors of oncology across the country.....

And we need your feedback.....

Thanks Heather

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## Draft Letter to Medical Oncologists

Dear Doctor:

As you may be aware, Eastern Regional Integrated Health Authority (Eastern Health) in St. John's Newfoundland has conducted a review retest of all Estrogen and Progesterone Receptor tests conducted in our laboratory from 1997 to 2005. We retested specimens of all patients, living and deceased, who had negative ER results originally.

Eastern Health made a commitment that we would notify all patients of results, including the Next of Kin (NOK) of the deceased.

We are now in a position to begin notification of them NOK of the deceased. We require the services of a Medical Oncologist to be available to discuss these results with NOK who request this.

If you are willing and available to assist us, please contact me to further discuss background to this issue and details of the service requested.

*Presently Eastern Health is involved in a Commission of Inquiry and Class Action Lawsuit relating to the retesting. Due to issues relating to these, we are requesting the services of an external consultant rather than our own Medical Oncologists.*

Sincerely.

*say more up front*

*gave feedback  
to Pat on  
Jan. 9 - 4:30 pm*