

Pam Elliott

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Hi,

Nancy, Sharon, Pat and myself met this am and came up with a proposed plan re: deceased results.....Sahron's number would be made public for the next 0 of kin to call.....and then an inof sheet would be provided if requested.....have a look at the attached.....

Tell us what you think.....

I have to compile all the deceased results and NOK for Shron by the end of this week.....

Heather

Draft #2

Tamoxifen Information sheet

What are ER and PR Receptors?

- Patients who have had breast cancer may have been tested for the presence or absence of estrogen and progesterone receptors (ER and PR).
- The presence or absence of ER and PR helps determine the most appropriate treatment of breast cancer.
- If a patient is ER and/ or PR positive, hormonal therapies such as Tamoxifen may be one treatment option. ER and PR are just two of the many things oncologists look at to determine the type of cancer treatment a patient will receive.

What are the benefits of Tamoxifen?

- Tamoxifen is a hormonal therapy which is one of the additional treatments that may be ordered by a physician in the treatment of cancer after surgery has been performed.
- Tamoxifen has been used as an additional therapy for many years, and patients receive the maximum benefit by taking it for five years.
- Some patients are unable to take Tamoxifen because of other health conditions, such as blood clots, while others are unable to tolerate the side effects.

What difference would this make to my loved one?

- The goal of any additional therapy, such as Tamoxifen, is to hopefully decrease recurrence rates and improve overall survival. However, a significant number of patients with breast cancer have recurrent disease despite advances in these additional treatments. It is therefore very difficult to predict the outcome with any degree of certainty.

May I have a copy of this report?

- Certainly. We will provide the pathology report to the next-of-kin upon request.

Is there anyone else, I can talk to?

- If you have any questions about this information or your loved one's results, please contact your family physician.

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