

Wpc1

**From:** Pirogowicz, Theresa  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 07, 2007 3:13 PM  
**To:** 'rthompson@gov.nl.ca'  
**Cc:** 'dmacdonald@nlchi.nl.ca'; Stationwala, Altaf; Mullen, Dr. Brendan  
**Subject:** Letter from Dr. Kenneth Pritzker re: ER/PR testing

**Importance:** High

**Attachments:** R C Thompson Letter Aug 3 07.pdf; R C Thompson Lett July 19 07.pdf

Please find attached a letter with attachment from Dr. Kenneth Pritzker regarding ER/PR testing of breast cancer:



R C Thompson  
Letter Aug 3 07.p...



R C Thompson Lett  
July 19 07.p...

Sincerely,

Theresa Pirogowicz  
 Assistant to Dr. Kenneth P.H. Pritzker  
 Pathologist-in-Chief  
 Pathology and Laboratory Medicine  
 Mount Sinai Hospital  
 00 University Avenue, 6th Floor, Room 6-500-1  
 Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5G 1X5  
 t. 1-416-586-4453  
 f. 1-416-586-8589  
[tpirogowicz@mtsinai.on.ca](mailto:tpirogowicz@mtsinai.on.ca)  
[www.mountsinai.on.ca](http://www.mountsinai.on.ca)

**Bright Minds. Big Hearts. The Best Medicine.**

\*\*\*\*\*

*The information in this email may be confidential. This email is intended to be reviewed only by the individual(s) or organization named above. If you are not the intended recipient or an authorized representative of the intended recipient, please be notified that any review, dissemination or copying of this email and its attachments (if any) is strictly prohibited. If you have received this email in error, please immediately notify the sender by return email and delete this email from your system, including from the deleted items folder. Thank you for your cooperation.*

**MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL**  
Pathology & Laboratory Medicine



600 University Avenue Room 6-500-1  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5G 1X5  
t 416.586.4453 f 416.586.8589  
kpritzker@mtsinai.on.ca www.mtsinai.on.ca

August 3, 2007

Mr. Robert C. Thompson  
Deputy Minister  
Department of Health and Community Services  
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador  
PO Box 8700  
St. John's, NL A1B 4J6

Re: Review of the Events surrounding ER/PR Testing of Breast Cancer Patients in  
Newfoundland and Labrador  
Data Fields for January 1, 1997 to December 31, 2005

Dear Mr. Thompson,

Thank you for your letter of July 19, 2007 (enclosed). Mount Sinai Hospital will be pleased to provide the information requested in database format to the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador in the very near future.

Sincerely,

Kenneth P.H. Pritzker, M.D., FRCPC  
Pathologist-in-Chief and Director  
Professor, Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology; Surgery  
University of Toronto

Encl.

Cc: Dr. Don MacDonald  
Mr. Altaf Stationwala  
Dr. Brendan Mullen



RECEIVED JUL 27 2007

Government of Newfoundland and Labrador  
Department of Health and Community Services

July 19, 2007

A rectangular stamp with the word "FAXED" in large, bold, outlined letters. Below it, in smaller text, is "2007-07-27".

Dr. Kenneth Pritzker  
Pathologist-in-Chief  
Pathology & Laboratory Medicine (PLM)  
Mount Sinai Hospital  
600 University Avenue  
Toronto, ON  
M5G 1X5

Dear Dr. Pritzker:

I am writing in follow-up to your conversation on Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, with Mr. Don MacDonald of the Newfoundland and Labrador Centre for Health Information. As Mr. MacDonald noted, the Department of Health and Community Services is carrying out a review of the events surrounding ER/PR testing of breast cancer patients in Newfoundland and Labrador.

As part of this review, I have asked the Centre for Health Information to prepare a database of all breast cancer patients diagnosed in the province during 1997-2005, including those that had ER/PR testing or retesting carried out at Mount Sinai Hospital. When completed, this database will contain each patient's personal identifiers, as well as a record of their various contacts with the health system specific to their breast cancer treatment. In support of this database I am requesting from Mount Sinai, data on all ER/PR testing/retesting carried out on breast cancer patients in Newfoundland and Labrador. Specifically, I am requesting the following data fields for the period January 1, 1997 – December 31, 2005:

1. Hospital/Health Authority in Newfoundland and Labrador Sample Sent From
2. Date Sample Received at Mount Sinai
3. Date Results Sent Back to Hospital/Health Authority
4. Mount Sinai Research Number (RS #)
5. Newfoundland Specimen #
6. Original Specimen/surgical # (given by Health Authority in NL)
7. Patient Name
8. Health Insurance Number (MCP)
9. Block Number Supplied
10. Comments/Site
11. Tumor
12. Estrogen Receptor (ER)
13. Progesterone Receptor (PR)
14. Internal Controls (IC)
15. Fixation and Processing (F/P)

2

I assure you that any data provided by the Mount Sinai Hospital to the Centre for Health Information, on behalf of the Department of Health and Community Services, will be held in the strictest confidence, and will only be used by the Department of Health and Community Services in carrying out the aforementioned review.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. Thompson", written in a cursive style.

**ROBERT C. THOMPSON**  
Deputy Minister

/cf