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November 6, 2007

Ms. Susan Gillam
Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Ms. Gilliam:

Thank you for your quick turnaround last week of data regarding ER/PR testing. The data has been valuable in ensuring that all the appropriate cases are included in the database being compiled by NLCHI.

During this process we identified the possibility that the tissue samples for some patients who had original ER/PR tests between 1997 and 2005 may not have been sent to Eastern Health (or Mount Sinai) for re-testing if the patient was deceased at the time the request for samples was made by Eastern Health in mid-2005. Therefore, we ask that you determine whether any tissue samples might fall into this category within your RHA. If so, please ensure these samples are sent to Mount Sinai Hospital as "consults" as soon as possible. Also, please forward to me the basic patient identifying information and we will pass it on to NLCHI.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

ROBERT C. THOMPSON
Secretary to Cabinet (Health Issues)

cc: Don Keats

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