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## 'We will not go quietly'

Dear editor,

I'm trying to locate more information on the Eastern Health Board, and the problems with their lab testing as mentioned in this article on Gerry Rogel's (*Not pretty in pink*, March 5-11 edition). My grandmother was just diagnosed with lung cancer and her oncologist informed her that four years ago when she had her breast removed because of cancer she was given a false negative test result. Because of this, she was taken off the drug Tamoxifen and

for the past four years, cancer cells have spread into the lining of her lung. I have not had much success in locating anything regarding this story except your article. I am outraged that no one is raising alarm bells regarding this issue. Not to mention the disgraceful behaviour of the board for not even having the decency to contact patients.

I am hoping you could point me towards an appropriate person or persons that I can contact regarding this issue (other patients, lawyers, etc.) I

would greatly appreciate anything you can do for me and my family. We will not go quietly and watch my grandmother die in silence while these people are never called to answer for their actions.

Thank you for having the courage and the journalistic integrity to print this article. From what I have been able to find, you are the only voice these people seem to have.

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