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Two quotes to aid the discussion tomorrow:

First, here is a quote from the EH web site:

939 of the tests were originally reported as ER-negative.

These negative test samples were sent to Mount Sinai Hospital to be retested.

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We first believed that we could complete all the retesting before talking about the process in the public. Our doctors believed that this was in the best interest of patients – not to cause them any unnecessary concerns if in fact their test results were not going to change and the review would have no impact upon them.

However, in October 2005, the issue became public. We responded by:

- o calling all patients directly;
- o providing an inquiries number for patients;
- o writing all patient's physicians;
- o conducting numerous media interviews;
- o placing advertisements in the paper;
- o and posting information on our website.

Second, this is a quote from you in the House of Assembly after the EH briefing:

In fact, members opposite sat in a presentation this past week. For two days they had presentations. One of the slides that they were shown was very clearly in October, 2005 - not eighteen months later, as you just suggested, but in October, 2005. They indicated to you in recent days that they, in fact, made contact with all of the patients who were impacted.

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