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Deceased and False Negatives

Q- Of the 322 deceased how many were false negatives?

A- We have not performed analysis on change rates for living and deceased.

Q- Is it essential to know this number? How many people died with a false negative result?

Q- Why was this analysis not conducted?

Q- There are twice as many people dead as previously reported?

A- This is troubling and our thoughts are with their families.

Q- Why did EHA not use mortality data base?

EHA - We used our clinical systems. If we were to be confronted with a similar situation we would handle things differently. We would use an expert in database management.

Q- Have families of deceased been contacted?

EHA - Not all families of deceased have been contacted yet. A toll free number will be set up for families to get the results of their loved ones.

False negatives

Q- Was EHA surprised by the numbers?

EHA - We would expect at least a 20% false negative rate (as per literature).

Do you feel confident with the numbers now?

A- Most comprehensive database to date. However, it is not to say that all individuals are in the database.

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