

Dave McCormack

From: Heather Predham
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2005 10:24 AM
To: Pamela King-Jesso; Deanne Emberley; David McCormack
Subject: FW: Overall database

Attachments: FAQ.doc

Hi,

Here's the e-mail from this am.....



FAQ.doc (25 KB)

And the FAQ's

-----Original Message-----

From: Heather Predham
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2005 9:59 AM
To: Dr. Robert Williams; Dr. Donald Cook; Terry Gulliver; Patricia Pilgrim
Subject: Overall database

Hi,

Database

I've got the Lab database and NCRTF database combined, but I have still have issues to clarify. There are data quality issues such as people with the same name and address and different MCP#'s and people with different names and addresses, but with the same MCP's.

Also, there are alot of individuals with incomplete MCP #'s. I'll work on that today

There are a couple of issues that came to light though during this process:

- We haven't discussed the process for informing, or providing hotline service to individuals from St. Pierre
- Does ER/PR receptor status have the same implications from men as it does for women
- Rough numbers from the combined database show 4510 people overall.
 - The Cancer registry does not identify almost 2100 of individuals who had ER/PR testing.
 - Current status (living or deceased) is only identified in 1245 of those people (it's going to be difficult to determine this for the rest of the individuals)
 - ER/PR status is indicated in 1230 people with an overall ER positivity rate of 55%
- Overall ER positivity by year (and remember this is rough) is 2003:61% 2002:48% and 2001:46% (the cancer registry only indicates P and N, not percentage)

I'm going to pick up the lab info from Terry today and the spreadsheets that he and Barry worked on the weekend and incorporate this infomration as well.

Hotline

I'm meeting with our staff re: the hotline and what needs to be put in place. The biggest thing from our perspective will be the answers to the items identified in our script...we'll work on those today

Also, will we be informing GP's of this issue? I think Kara Laing suggested that the letter use wording like "you will be notified by the physician following your cancer and an appointment made to discuss results" I was thinking that if the specialist is no longer here, an individual may contact their GP in the interim.....what do you think?

As always, if you need me page me 570-9703

Heather

I was tested for ER/PR Receptor between 1997 and 2004? What does this mean to me?

This would be to reiterate the information in the letter:

Due to improved technology and the discovery of inconsistent results, Eastern Health has begun retesting a select group of breast cancer patients whose results indicated that they were negative for ER and PR.

Your previous test results indicated that you are negative for ER and PR and as the presence of these receptors helps determine the most appropriate treatment of breast cancer, your previously collected tissue sample will be retested. Although we are retesting your tissue sample, this does not mean your treatment will change at this time. We need to confirm the validity of your previous test results.

I was tested for ER/PR Receptor before 1997? What does this mean to me?**I was tested for ER/PR Receptor after 2004? What does this mean to me?****I had/have breast cancer. Did I get this test done?**

All patients who have had a diagnosis of breast cancer were tested for the presence or absence of estrogen and progesterone receptors (ER and PR).

I had a biopsy done on a lump in my breast. Did I get this test done?**My family member had breast cancer but has since passed away. How can I get information regarding her ER/PR test results?**

Ask for:

Patient name

MCP number

Date of birth

Who will get back to the person??

How did this happen?**Why didn't you figure this out before?****I haven't received a letter and I'm sure I had this test done.**

Ask for:

Name

Address

MCP #

Date of birth

Do I need to get retested?

You are not required to have any additional testing and are not required to come to the hospital. Retesting will be conducted with existing tissue samples.

How long will I have to wait for the results?**How will I find out about the results?**