

Dianne Smith

From: Heather Predham
Sent: Wednesday, August 09, 2006 8:46 AM
To: Susan Bonnell; Leona Barrington; Dianne Smith
Subject: RE: ER/PR Review

Hi,

Actually Susan, that is an excellent idea...that being said, your draft e-mail is good...with my 2 cents being:

- that it's 969 cases, not 1069.
- I wouldn't include the third bullet at all personally. Could we say that a small numbers of cases were not as straight forward as the majority and required more focused attention.....or something like that?

Heather

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From: Susan Bonnell
Sent: Tuesday, August 08, 2006 2:17 PM
To: Heather Predham; 'leona.barrington@easternhealth.ca'; Dianne Smith
Subject: FW: ER/PR Review

Why don't you email him and let him know there have been some new developments in the media and that if he has any questions or concerns he can get in touch with you. Put the ball back in his court.

Perhaps you could also tell him that we are nearing completion re: the review of ER/PR tests and should be in a position to talk about causative factors as well as operational changes/ solutions to address these very soon. I think the offer to keep him in the loop is as important if not more important than the actual information you can provide.



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From: Patricia Pilgrim
Sent: Tuesday, August 08, 2006 2:12 PM
To: Leona Barrington; Heather Predham; Susan Bonnell
Cc: Dianne Smith
Subject: ER/PR Review

Hi there. I had a call in to Peter Dawe and even though he is on A/L, he has responded that I can get him via e-mail or his cell phone, so here are the

decisions we have to make:

- Do we contact him while on his vacation?
- Do I e-mail or do it via phone?
- Which parts of the following (if any) and what else do I include?

Your thought please?? Pat

Hi there Peter, I understand you are on holidays and I hope you are enjoying. I was trying to touch base with you re the latest media coverage related to our ER/PR review. As you are probably aware, there has been some recent coverage involving a patient, Mrs. Lewis and her lawyer, Ches Crosbie. We cannot comment specifically about this case, for confidentiality reasons, just to say her case was a part of our review.. I just wanted to update you with the latest information and offer any further clarification/information you might need. The update is as follows:

- 1069 cases have been reviewed by Mount Sinai. The vast majority of these patients have been notified of the results of the review. As there were several physicians across the province involved with meeting with these patients, we are now verifying with them all that the patients have been contacted, but we are very confident that most, if not all of them, have been contacted
- Any results received from Mount Sinai indicating that the status of the report has changed (ie the specimen was originally reported as ER/PR negative and upon review is reported as positive) are reviewed by an expert panel consisting of surgeons, pathologists and oncologists. This expert panel reviews each case and makes a recommendation for any further treatment / follow up to the physician deemed to now be responsible for the patients care...this can be a surgeon/oncologist or other. This recommendations is sent in a letter to the most responsible physician and the patient is contacted and followed up by the latter.
- As a part of the review of over 1000 charts we have identified a small number of cases that require further follow up not related to ER/PR status, but an issue detected as a by product of the original investigation. We are in the process of notifying these patients and finalizing any recommendations related to this. As you know, any review of this magnitude will result in identification of issues that we might not have been otherwise aware of
- We are working to have the review and follow up with patients completed by the end of the summer. Then we will be in a position to analyze and summarize the results of our review and any changes we have implemented or plan to implement as a result of this.
- Throughout this process, we have been committed to disclosure and attention to the needs of our patients. We will continue with this focus .
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Patricia Pilgrim
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