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VIA FAX: 709-752-6011

Mr. Don MacDonald
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Re: Breast Cancer Cases referred to Mount Sinai Hospital

Dear Mr. MacDonald,

Further to your request of July 17, 2007, please be advised that by special encoded e-mail the data requested in your letter of July 19, 2007 will be forwarded to you by Ms. Maria Mendes, Manager, Research Services, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine.

As we discussed, the data requested contains patient healthcare information together with patient identifiers. It is a condition of the transfer of this data that any external use of this data would be completely anonymized such that the identity of individual patients would be kept confidential.

Ms. Mendes' contact information is:

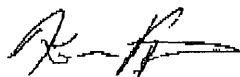
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Upon receipt of the encrypted e-mail, please contact Ms. Mendes for the password so that the information may be downloaded at your site. As well, I attach a code that is used to identify the various pathological features in the biopsies.

Should you have any questions of a technical nature, please contact Ms. Mendes directly. Should you have broad questions, I would be pleased to address those for you.

I do hope this process for receiving this information is uneventful and that the information will be helpful to the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Sincerely,



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The code used is as follows:

RS# - our research number

SPECIMEN# - your case number

PATIENT NAME - patient's name

BLOCK - block number supplied

COMMENTS - discrepancies in block information/hospital of origin

Tumour = tumour type with the following descriptions:

D = ductal

DL = ductal with lobular features

DT = ductal with tubular features

L = lobular

PAP = papillary

DCIS = ductal carcinoma in situ

DCIS/M = ductal carcinoma in situ with microinvasion (<1mm)

C = colloid

T = tubular

MCa = metastatic CA

EPAP = encysted papillary in situ carcinoma

DA = ductal carcinoma with apocrine features

EIC - extensive DCIS (>25%),

M = metaplastic carcinoma

AC = adenoid cystic carcinoma

CaNOS = unclassified carcinoma

PU = pickup with tumour adherent to tissue

NT = no tumour

ER = % cells positive 6F11, LSAB procedure

PR = % cells positive PGR1294, LSAB procedure

IC = internal controls with the following comments:

P = present but not stained

PS = present and stained

PSW = present and stained weakly

A = absent

F/P = fixation and processing with the following comments:

A = adequate

P = poor

Threshold for positive ER/PR result: staining of any intensity in >1% invasive tumour cells
Positive and negative laboratory external controls stained appropriately