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"Via Courier"

Commission of Inquiry on
Hormone Receptor Testing
50 Tiffany Lane
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Attention: Bernard Coffey, Q.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: Interview with Dr. Kenneth Jenkins

I am writing to follow up your requests of Dr. Jenkins at the conclusion of his interview on 12 February, 2008.

Dr. Jenkins has checked his records and he was not able to confirm an exchange of emails between himself and Dr. Neil in June of 2005. He was able to locate a memo from Dr. Don Cook dated June 14, 2005 which, he believes, was previously forwarded.

Dr. Jenkins has provided, and we are now enclosing, a copy of page 8 from the draft minutes of a meeting of 29 September, 2005 of the VP Medical Services. Also enclosed is one page which includes the minutes of that meeting and some of Dr. Jenkins notes.

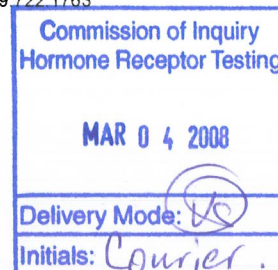
I am enclosing a copy of a letter dated 13 July, 2007 from Dr. Jenkins to Dr. Don MacDonald of the Newfoundland and Labrador Centre for Health Information. This letter relates to your question concerning an entry in Dr. Jenkins notes of 11 July, 2007 and should assist in explaining the meaning of the word "report" used in those notes.

I believe this completes the request in relation to Dr. Jenkins.

Yours very truly,

J. David Eaton, Q.C.

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Enclosure(s)





TO: All Laboratory Directors
(Dr. D. Fontaine, HSC
Dr. G. Baker, Carbonear
Dr. S. Anwar, GB Cross Memorial
Dr. F. Gallagher, James Paton Memorial,
Dr. M. Dalton, Central NL Hospital
Dr. P. Neil, Western Memorial
Dr. Dankwa, St. Anthony)

FROM: Dr. Donald M. Cook
Clinical Chief, Laboratory Medicine Program

DATE: June 14, 2005

RE: Estrogen and Progesterone Receptors

We are aware of a number of negative estrogen and progesterone receptors that have converted on repeat testing with our new Ventana Benchmark immunoperoxidase testing. This new Ventana system is fully automated and is much more sensitive than the immunoperoxidase technique under the previous DAKO method. Most of these false negatives have occurred during the year 2002. Presently, we are in the process of retesting all negative ER and PR's for that particular year. I am requesting that you forward all negative ER and PR cases for the year 2002 to Mr. Barry Dyer at the General Hospital Site. I would ask that you submit the reports, original ER and PR slides including controls as well as H & E slides and paraffin blocks of the tumour. We will repeat all ER and PR receptors with the Ventana system and forward the results to you. I will keep you updated regarding additional information.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding this, please feel free to contact myself at 777-5482 or Dr. Bev Carter at 777-5530.

Sincerely yours,

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SITES: Health Sciences Centre (General Hospital/Laneux) Children's Health and Rehabilitation Centre Women's Health Centre

(c) Visit by Dr. Michel Brazeau from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada

Ed Hunt reported that Michel would be visiting the province and it may be beneficial for as many physicians as possible to participate in the conference call. It was agreed that additional information would be provided.

(d) Fees for Administrative Services for Physicians

There was some discussion over what administrative fees should be paid for the chief of staff and other administrative physicians in the organization. Examples were given of types of allowances being paid on an individual basis, not necessarily being paid to any and all physicians in these positions. It depends on the administrative service provided by the physician to the organization.

(e) Pathology Reports

There was some discussion over the quality of pathology reports on breast cancer. Bob Williams went through a number of scenarios in which concerns were raised over the quality of the tests and the reports that were being received. He agreed to keep the VPs of Medical Services aware of what is happening.

(f) Consults from Outside of the Province

A Respirologist from Ontario was providing a consult to a patient in the province. Questions were asked about fees, liability issues and other situations. This will be discussed further with the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

12. Recommendation(s) to the CEOs

- (a) Sheila Tucker conduct a presentation to the CEOs in December
- (b) Quality issues to be discussed with the CEOs
- (c) Dedicated person to review the medical services bylaws
- (d) Bursary for Prosthetic Orthotic Technician

13. Next Meeting

Thursday, November 24, 2005, but may change depending on the time that Stephen Lewis visits the province. Michael Jong asked that the meeting start at 10:30 a.m. instead of 9 a.m.

14. Adjournment 4 p.m.

John Peddle
Executive Director

(Rec'd in Med Ser via email Oct 12/05)



VPs OF MEDICAL SERVICES MEETING

A G E N D A

Thursday, September 29, 2005

9:00 a.m.

Audit Boardroom, Basement Level, Belvedere Site
St. John's, NL

- 9:00 a.m. Presentation by Sheila Tucker re CCOHTA update
10:00 a.m. Presentation by Regina Coady re Wait Time Measurements

1. Draft minutes of July 8, 2005 meeting – *attached*.
2. Business arising from minutes not already on agenda.
3. Report of Physician Recruitment Coordinator - *attached*.
4. Update on Physician Human Resource Planning.
5. Quality issues – Dr. Hunt.
6. Update on negotiations with NLMA.
7. Update on Ambulance Services and negotiations.
8. Update on the Provincial Pharmaceutical Coverage Policy Committee (information that was discussed at the August 4, 2005 CEOs' meeting was previously sent).
9. Hospital preparation for disasters.
10. Model medical staff bylaws.
11. Other business. (a) PHC Contracts (b) Km rate (c) Bursary Request for Durnford (P&D)
12. Recommendation(s) to CEOs.
13. Next Meeting: Thursday, November 24, 2005, 9:00 a.m.
14. Adjournment.

- check w Paul Meil re breast Ca receptor issues; what were our reports pos rates?
- \$2.2 M for NL for international health provider issues
- integration into workplace funding for IMGs → sent to VP HR; put forward sec orientation w/g research proposal. FIM = Regina Coady. Leona O'Neill is involved too → send proposal to her (leona.oneill@gov.nf.ca)
- look at 64 slice CT for screening of cardiac pts under CCOHTA
- provincial quality: how should this be managed.
- 11/22 family practice grads in 2005 stayed in NL → 3 went on to further trig (CER). at least one was from another province and one was on NOTP.
- 22 Nov 4-6/1st years 23 Nov 3-4/2nd years → family med; consider inviting



Western Health

July 13, 2007

Mr. Don MacDonald
Newfoundland & Labrador Centre for Health Information
28 Pippy Place
St. John's, NL A1B 3X4

Via Courier

Re: ER/PR Testing and Patient Notification, Western Health

Dear Mr. MacDonald:

Further to our telephone discussion of July 11, 2007, please find enclosed the copies of the reports and related documents that you had requested. Our Regional Director of Laboratory Services has made contact with Dr. Neil, our Chief of Pathology, regarding the pathology summary report. The reference to "report" on the table refers to cases where it was uncertain whether tissue blocks needed to be submitted in accordance with the criteria for the review. Tissue samples related to these "reports" were submitted if requested by Eastern Health. As well, please note that there is some variation in the total number in the pathology summary (249) versus the total number in a final summary as reflected in the enclosed table dated July 12, 2007 (actual total is 254, and all cases are accounted for from a patient contact perspective). Do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Ken Jenkins, MD, CD
VP Medical Services

Cc S. Gillam
Dr. P. Neil

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