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From: Jenkins, Ken
Sent: Sunday, May 18, 2008 10:47 PM
To: Sparkes, Hellen
Subject: PRINT FOR ER/PR FILE....FW: Communication of ER/PR Test Results

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Ken

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From: Freake, Sherry [mailto:sherry.freake@centralhealth.nl.ca]
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2007 9:04 PM
To: Jenkins, Ken
Subject: Re: Communication of ER/PR Test Results

Hi

That sounds good to me. I'm available Thursday up to 3pm and also Friday am.
Telephone 256-5531

Thanks

Sherry

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

From: Jenkins, Ken <kenjenkins@westernhealth.nl.ca>
To: sherry.freake@centralhealth.nl.ca <sherry.freake@centralhealth.nl.ca>
Cc: Gillam, Susan <susangillam@westernhealth.nl.ca>; Jenkins, Ken <kenjenkins@westernhealth.nl.ca>
Sent: Mon Dec 17 14:54:08 2007
Subject: RE: Communication of ER/PR Test Results

Hi Sherry

I suggest that we arrange a teleconference with Pat on the suggested approach. Would you like to discuss first?

Ken

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

From: Gillam, Susan
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2007 1:36 PM
To: 'sherry.freake@centralhealth.nl.ca'
Cc: Jenkins, Ken
Subject: FW: Communication of ER/PR Test Results

Hi Sherry

I discussed with Ken jenkins and he will follow up with you. Thanks Susan

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From: Gillam, Susan
Sent: Thursday, December 06, 2007 10:51 AM
To: Payne, Suzanne
Subject: Fw: Communication of ER/PR Test Results

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From: Freake, Sherry <sherry.freake@centralhealth.nl.ca>
To: Gillam, Susan

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From: Pat Pilgrim <pat.pilgrim@easternhealth.ca>
To: sherry.freake@centralhealth.nl.ca <sherry.freake@centralhealth.nl.ca>
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Sent: Fri Nov 30 12:47:27 2007
Subject: Communication of ER/PR Test Results

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Hi Sherry, As discussed with you yesterday, I am now coordinating Eastern Health activities relating to the continuing ER/PR retesting, the Commission of Inquiry and the Class Action Lawsuit. As you are aware, we have recently referred to Mount Sinai some specimens for retesting for patients who are still living. Also Eastern Health has completed the submission of the specimens for all deceased patients who originally tested negative for the prescribed testing period 1997 to 2005. The results of the retests are now being received within Eastern Health and patients or their Next of Kin (in the case of the deceased) will now have to be contacted. I need to ensure that we have agreement on the process of communication for this. Eastern Health is proposing the following process :

1. For the living patients whose results have not changed (i.e. they were originally negative and retest results are negative), Eastern Health is proposing that the results would be sent from us to one coordinating person (Coordinator) within your region. This person would then be responsible to coordinate notification of these patients and any further verification with the DOHCS re completion of this notification. This is very similar to the process used in 2005.
2. For the living patients whose results have changed These patients will be referred to a clinical panel within Eastern Health (as in 2005). The panel will review the patient record and make a recommendation regarding any treatment change. The recommendation will be included in a panel letter sent to the current most responsible physician. A copy of the letter will be sent to the Coordinator designated for your area.
3. For deceased patients within the Eastern Health Region We already have results back on many of these patients who were tested in the initial phase of this in 2005. The only Next of Kin (NOK) that have been notified of any results for this group thus far are the NOK who have been constantly in touch with us. Eastern Health is moving forward to start notifying families of deceased patients. We are doing this as follows: .

* Those whose results have not changed. NOK will be sent a letter indicating the retesting has been done and the results have been received. The NOK will be asked if they want the results, to call a given number. For these cases, the number will connect them with our Quality and Risk Management Department and designated members of the staff there will communicate the results. Eastern Health will verify communication with the DOHCS.

* Those whose results changed. NOK will be sent a letter indicating the retesting has been done and the results have been received. They will be given a different number which will connect to the Director of the Cancer Program. They will be informed of the changed results and notified that if they want to have more information on this, we will send the results to an external oncologist (yet to be determined by us) who will be asked to give an opinion on one question. Would the deceased have been a candidate for Tamoxifen or the newer medications?

We will notify the family when the recommendation has been received. If the

NOK requires further explanation, we will provide contract with an external oncologist to speak with the NOK. Eastern Health will verify communication with the DOHCS

4. For deceased patients from other regions. Eastern Health would like to have discussions with other regions regarding any partnering we can do with the notification of deceased patients, NOK.

In this communiqué we have shared our plan for this with you and we are quite prepared to talk to you further about this and share with you, for example, the letters that we have drafted.

Please contact me with your response to this proposed process. Thanking you.

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