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 Thx susan

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Good afternoon

Final revised media release attached. Deborah Collins will circulate to the media in the next few minutes.

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Subject: Draft Media Release re Update ER/PR Database - NOT FOR DISTRIBUTION!
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Forwarded on behalf of Deborah Collins

Good afternoon:

Attached is a draft of a release that government (Mr. Robert Thompson) has asked that the health authorities release as soon as possible. The purpose of this update is to release eleven (11) ER/PR patients who have self identified since April 2008. As you can see we are still awaiting the final numbers into this document.



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If you have any concerns related to the content of this release, please contact me directly at deborah.collins@easternhealth.ca

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We hope to have this circulated to the media within the hour.

Thanks for your attention to this matter.

Deborah

cc Dr. O. Howell/Bev Clarke

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Update on ER/PR Database

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The ER/PR Database was constructed by the Newfoundland and Labrador Centre for Health Information (NLCHI) on the request of the provincial government. The purpose of the database was to provide a clear and consistent presentation of existing data on people who met the criteria for retesting. The core criteria were that the original ER/PR test occurred between 1997 and 2005 and the original ER test result was negative.

Key characteristics of the 10 new patients are:

- * 4 patients are from Eastern; 4 from Central; 1 from Western and 1 from Labrador-Grenfell;
- * 3 patients self-identified; 4 were identified by relatives; and 3 were found in further record searches;
- * 4 are living and 6 are deceased;
- * all have been retested;
- * none of the living patients required a treatment change as a result of the retesting process;
- * of the 10 test results, 7 were confirmations of the original results and 3 were changed results;
- * the new total number of retested patients is 1023, with 698 having confirmed results and 325 having changed results.

The above data are based on technical definitions related to ER test results only. Depending on the characteristics of the case, a person who was a technical negative may have been treated as a clinical positive. As stated in the press release of the Department of Health and Community Services on March 18, 2008, "...a changed ER/PR test result does not necessarily mean that appropriate cancer treatment was delayed, as physicians tell us that this test is one factor among many that help determine course of treatment."

In the last database update on April 14, 2008, the existence of one self-identified patient was noted. Eastern Health publicized a toll-free telephone number for people to call if they had any uncertainties about their testing status. This publicity, along with the publicity associated with the hearings of the Commission of Inquiry on Hormone Receptor Testing, is likely responsible for the newly discovered patients.

Eastern Health's toll-free number (1-866-445-4548) is still available for any person who may wish to talk to a Patient Relations Officer about retesting.

NLCHI advises that the ER/PR database has been updated and provided to the Commission of Inquiry on Hormone Receptor Testing.

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