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Subject: RE: Process of following up of newly identified er/pr patients
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Since last speaking with you, I have sent a communiqué to the other regions re how we will go about this and we have also completed flowsheets for the deceased and the living. We got a commitment from our oncologists that they will panel any living patients (no matter which region they are from) as was done in the initial retesting. This has been communicated to all boards. The first panel meeting is due to convene this week. As you know, so far we have 24 results back. This is the plan from here:

...Living Patients

- . for those who are confirmed negative from our region, we have contacted them....there have been TWO of them in our region for which we have received results to date.

- . for those who are confirmed negative from other regions, results will be sent to other regions and they will contact them...there have been NO patients from other regions in this category for which we have received results to date.

- . for those whose result have changed FROM ALL REGIONS, they will be referred to a panel commencing this week....there are SIX patients in this category...5 from Eastern and 1 from Central. All but one of these patients is currently seeing an oncologist but they still go through the panel. Four of these patients were already on Tamoxifen and there would be no treatment change. The other 2 will be decided by the panel...hopefully this week.

...Deceased Patients

- . for those who are confirmed negative, their NOK have been informed (for those who are calling us) and the NOK of the others are being notified this week...there are EIGHT patients in this category, 7 from Eastern and 1 from Central. 3 from Eastern whose NOK have been calling have notified the of the results. The other 4 from Eastern will receive a letter from us notifying them that we have received results and giving them a contact number (which will be our Quality and Risk Management Department) to call IF THEY WANT THE RESULTS. Our Q&RM staff will communicate results to any who call. We have proposed the same procedure to the other boards and will be following up with them....talking to Central tomorrow on their 1 patient...no results in this category back for other regions.

- . for those whose results have changed, we do not have committment from oncologists to talk to them. There are SIX patients in this group..all from Eastern. Of these, 1 was already on Tamoxifen and there would have been no change in treatment. Of the remaining 2, one is from Eastern and one from

Central. For the patients from Eastern, Eastern is trying to arrange the services of an outside oncologist...trying to get this done this week. We will then send the letter to the NOK saying we have the results and they are to call a given number if they want the results. For these cases, the number will be the Cancer Centre. They will be informed by the Director of the Cancer Program that the results have changed and arrangements made for them to discuss with the external oncologist. Eastern Health has communicated this approach to the other boards and sought their feedback. We are proposing to them that they take responsibility for notifying their own deceased patients NOK but that we would be willing to talk to them about partnering on the services of the external consultant.

So, if we do the math on these, we have accounted for 22 of the 24 patients for which we have results. The other two consist of the patient we cannot locate who has moved away and we think she is still living...her results were confirmed negative but we still have not located her. The other person was from Western and was a patient who was originally tested as very strongly positive...she was very anxious and wanted her results sent away for retesting. Western did this very recently and her results came back confirmed very positive. So, she should not really be counted in this. There we have the 24. Call me if you require further information. Pat

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To: Pat Pilgrim

Subject: Process of following up of newly identified er/pr patients

Hi Pat,

Could you please confirm if Eastern Health has developed and/or

implemented a policy for following up on the newly identified ER/PR cases by NLCHI that have been sent for retesting from the perspective of individual patient care management? For example, during the meeting on Thursday November 1, 2007 reference was made to contracting oncologists to see/speak to patients whose oncologists have left the province.

Thanks,
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