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RE: ER/PR CASES – CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Mr. ^{Robert} Thompson:

This letter is in follow up to your correspondence of October 29, 2007 regarding patients who had original ER/PR tests between 1997 and 2005 in the Western Region. Following the review of case information by the Newfoundland and Labrador Center for Health Information questions arose on a portion of these cases and were sent to Western Health for review. The results of the review are attached in the charts as follows:

1. List I

- a) Western Region Cases Negative ER/PR, Results Not Retested Due to Patients Deceased (N=8).
- b) Western Region Cases Positive ER Results Not Retested (N=6).
- c) Western Regional Cases Not Retested Due to Other Reasons (N=6).
- d) Western Region Cases Not Retested Due to Occurring Outside the Defined Retesting Time Period (N=2).
- e) Western Region Cases Retested (N=4).

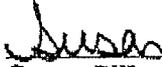
2. List II

- a) Western Region Cases Retested at Mt Sinai Hospital . Patient/Family Contact Regarding the Retest Process (N=4).

There are a number of cases for which retesting was not complete in 2005 due to patients being deceased. This was consistent with the criteria established by Eastern Health for retesting in 2005. We briefly discussed the issue of resending the samples for retesting on October 29, 2007. Please advise if retesting is required and we will make arrangements to send the cases as soon as possible.

Please contact Dr. Ken Jenkins, VP of Medical Services at 637-5000, Ext. 5549 if you require clarification on the information provided, or have further questions.

Sincerely,



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Chief Executive Officer

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Attached

c.c. Dr. Ken Jenkins

LIST I

A WESTERN REGION CASES NEGATIVE ER/PR RESULTS NOT RETESTED DUE TO PATIENTS DECEASED N=8

Name	MCP	Specimen Number	Original ER	Original PR	Rational for Re-test not Required
		03:SU3325	neg (0)	neg (0)	Did not meet criteria for retesting in 2005 as patient was deceased
		02:SU3454	neg	neg	Did not meet criteria for retesting in 2005 as patient was deceased
		04:SU2953	neg	neg	Did not meet criteria for retesting in 2005 as patient was deceased
		03:SU1848	neg (0)	neg (0)	Did not meet criteria for retesting in 2005 as patient was deceased
		03:SU6114	neg (0)	neg (0)	Did not meet criteria for retesting in 2005 as patient was deceased
		03:SU1775	wp	neg	Did not meet criteria for retesting in 2005 as patient was deceased
		03:SU1700	neg	neg	Did not meet criteria for retesting in 2005 as patient was deceased
		01:SU3045	neg	neg	Did not meet criteria for retesting in 2005 as patient was deceased

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B. WESTERN REGION CASE POSITIVE ER RESULTS NOT RETESTED N=6

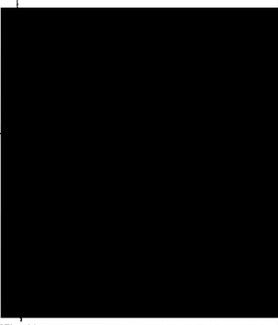
Name	MCP	Specimen Number	Original ER	Original PR	Rational for Retest not Required
		04:SU328	pos (10-20)	neg (< 5)	Did not meet criteria for retesting, original ER positive (10-20). Clerical error on the list (Response to Sept. 20/07 Questions from CIHI- updated October 24, 2007) with the original ER and original PR switched.
		S-2867-99	faint pos (30)	faint pos (30-40)	Sent to Eastern Health October 27, 2005. No report received however a report was not expected as the ER was positive at 30.
		03:SU5750	pos (20)	pos (25)	Did not meet criteria for retesting. ER positive (20).
		03:SU7957	15-25	60-70	Did not meet criteria for retesting, as ER positive 15-25. Additionally did not meet the criteria for retesting in 2005 as patient was deceased.
		03:SU7895	pos (20-30)	neg (1-2)	Did not meet criteria for retesting. ER positive (20-30)
		03:SU5516	strong	neg	Did not meet criteria for retesting as original ER was strong. ER/PR testing was completed at the Victoria General Hospital in Halifax, N.S. in 2003.

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C. WESTERN REGION CASES NOT RETESTED DUE TO OTHER REASONS N=6

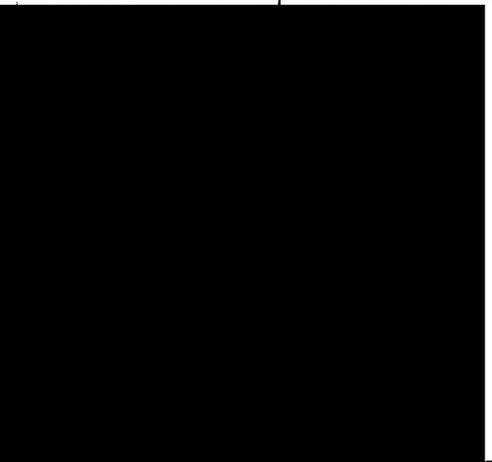
Name	MCP	Specimen Number	Original ER	Original PR	Rational for Retest not Required
		02:SU3731	neg	neg	Did not meet the criteria for retesting as the core biopsy was suggestive of a lung lesion.
		S-1140-98	n/a	n/a	Pathology report sent to Eastern Health on October 25, 2005 for review by panel as the report was not clearly cancer. The plan was to send the blocks if requested by the panel. However, no further request for the blocks following review by the panel.
		S-7939-97	n/a	n/a	October 24, 2005 sent to Eastern Health. Diagnosis DCIS. Mt Sinai not repeating testing for patients with diagnosis of DCIS.
		S-6280-97	n/a	n/a	October 24, 2005 sent to Eastern Health. Diagnosed DCIS. Mt Sinai not repeating testing for patients with a diagnosis of DCIS.
		01:SU4370	neg	<5	Did not meet criteria for retesting. Original breast lesion in 1996. 2001 sample was a pleural biopsy.
		S-944-97	neg	neg	Did not meet criteria for retesting. Two biopsies ER positive in 1992. Treated with Tamoxifen.

D. WESTERN REGION CASES NOT RETESTED DUE TO OCCURRING OUTSIDE THE DEFINED RETESTING TIME PERIOD N=2

Name	MCP	Specimen Number	Original ER	Original PR	Rational for Retest not Required
		SU2545	neg	5	Specimen obtained March 11, 1997. The retesting criteria indicated that specimens from May 1997 be sent for retesting. Therefore this specimen did not meet retesting criteria.
		SU2546	neg	5	Specimen obtained March 1997. The retesting criteria indicated that specimens obtained from May 1997 be sent for retesting. Therefore this sample was not submitted for retesting. Additionally, the original breast tumor was in 1990, but unable to complete ER/PR due to insufficient sample. The 1997 tumor was a chest wall tumor.

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E. WESTERN REGION CASES RETESTED N=4

Name	MCP	Specimen Number	Original ER	Original PR	Rational for Retest not Required
		03:SU3220	neg	neg	<p>Two samples</p> <p>1. 2000 biopsy (L) Breast SU3738-00 sent to Mt Sinai</p> <p>Results of 2000 retesting</p> <p>Date retested: Signed by Physician 23/03/06 Place retested: Mt Sinai ER/PR Result: ER-30, PR-20 Pt/family notified: Panned March 6, 2006. A letter was written by the panel. There were no recommendations. Patient is deceased.</p> <p>2. 2003 biopsy (Rt) Breast sent to Eastern Health, however based on the recommendations of the panel the sample SU3220-03 not sent to Mt. Sinai.</p>

	01:SU5524	some	some	<p>Two samples: 1. Sample in 1999 sent for retesting (SU-2156-99)</p> <p>Result of 1999 retesting</p> <p>Date retested: Received 18/11/05, Signed by Physician 13/09/06 Place retested: Mt Sinai ER/PR Results: ER-80, PR-10 Pt/family notified: Eastern Health did not send a letter on this patient. Patient deceased January 29, 2002.</p> <p>2. Sample in 2001 not sent as it was a (Rt) neck mass and the diagnosis was not primary breast cancer</p>
	04:SU1172	pos (10-15)	pos (10-15)	<p>Did not meet criteria for retesting. Two surgeries in 2004. ER positive in both samples (SU1172-04 and SU1234-04). However, a repeat test (SU1234-04) done in Mt Sinai as per the request of Cheryl Vanderueen, Grand Prairie Oncology Department, Grand Prairie, Alberta</p> <p>Results of retesting</p> <p>Date retested: Signed by Physician 2007/03/05 Place retested: Mt Sinai ER/PR Results: ER80, PR-30 Pt/Family notified: Report sent to physician Dr. M.Kathir</p>

	03:SU5478	neg (0)	neg (0)	<p>Two samples.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The 2003 sample (03-SU5478) was a skin biopsy, therefore not sent.2. The original tumor sample SU5733-02 was sent to Mt Sinai <p>Results of testing Date retested: Signed by Physician 23/03/06 Place retested: Mt Sinai ER/PR Results: ER negative, PR negative. Pt/Family Notified: Contact made February 2006. Patient is deceased.</p>
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LIST 2

WESTERN REGION CASES RETESTED AT MT SINAI HOSPITAL

PATIENT/FAMILY CONTACT REGARDING RE-TEST PROCESS N=4

Name	MCP Number	Specimen #	Date of Contact
[REDACTED]		SU4594-04	Called December 13, 2006 at 1905 hrs regarding retesting process. This person was not on the list for a second call. See note 2.
		SS6583-99	Not called to explain the retesting process as patient was deceased
		S1998-05	Called three times. Contacted patient on December 14, 2006 at 1745 hrs regarding retesting process. This person was not on the list for second call. See note 2.
		S-4459-98	Attempted to call December 5, 2006 at 1545 hrs to explain retesting process. Patient was deceased. Family were not notified.

NOTE:

1. December 2006 requested by Eastern Health to contact patients to explain retesting process.
2. February 2007 requested by Eastern Health to contact patients to explain negative results. No positive results sent to Western Health to recall.
3. Eastern Health were notified verbally of the results of the patient/family contact.