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Subject: New issue in ER/PR

Hi,

Nancy received a call today from a patient who attended a breast cancer retreat in Port aux Basques over the weekend.

While there, one cancer survivor present spoke to the group and said something like "I was tested positive and was taking Tamoxifen. You can't assume that because you tested positive you are fine. I received a call from my doctor, dr. McCarthy who said that I was retested and needed to stop taking Tamoxifen right away." (*We don't know this lady's name but there was one of dr. McCarthy's patients who was diagnosed as positive from [REDACTED] but came back negative....upon review the slide was always negative, it was misread....or it may have been a retro converter*)

Another lady who was present, and had tested ER/PR positive, called Nancy this am and related this story to her. Although she has spoken to Dr. [REDACTED] and several others she is demanding to be retested. We have had calls from positive patients wanting to be retested but after explaining things to them, they have accepted that they didn't require retesting.

I assume that we will be getting more calls about this, so we're going to need some direction as to how to handle this type of scenario

Thanks

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