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Thank-you Heather...sorry about the rush on the request...

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Hi John,

Here is the information you requested...if you need anything else don't hesitate to ask....

The decision was made as we went into this review process, that the focus at the time should be on patients who were living. This, of course, was because the focus of the review was to give someone the benefit of receiving Tamoxifen who may not have been able to avail of it previously. Part of this decision therefore, was that when the living patients were all retested and notified, we would address the issue of dealing with the families of the deceased patients.

When we arrived at that point in 2006, we had two issues to deal with: deceased patients who had been retested and we now have their results and deceased patients who were not yet retested.

Rick Singleton was asked to organize an "ethics consult to discuss the ethical issues regarding disclosure of information (ER/PR results from Mt. Sinai), to families of deceased patients"

This was held on June 19, 2006

In attendance was Dr. Nash Denic, Clinical chief, Laboratory Medicine Program
Dr. Don Cook, pathologist
Dr. Joy McCarthy, medical oncologist
Dr. Natalie Bandrauk, physician and ethicist
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