



NOTICE OF HEARING

Justice Margaret Cameron has been appointed as the Commissioner of the Inquiry on Hormone Receptor Testing. The Inquiry will be divided into two parts. In Part I, the Commission will inquire into and report on problems with estrogen and progesterone hormone receptor tests conducted between 1997 and 2005 in the Newfoundland and Labrador health care system. This will include inquiry into what happened to cause or contribute to the problems, when the problems came to light and whether they could have been detected earlier. Part I will also examine any protocols in place during the relevant time frame and what steps, if any, were taken by responsible authorities upon becoming aware of the problem. Part II of the Inquiry will have a policy focus and will include a review of both policy and legal issues raised by the terms of reference. This is expected to canvass the duties, if any, of the responsible authorities to patients, other parties within the health care system, and the public respecting differences in test results on re-testing. Part II will also examine whether the estrogen and progesterone hormone receptor testing systems and processes and quality assurance systems currently in place are reflective of “best practices”.

Applications by interested individuals and organizations for standing and funding in relation to both Part I and Part II of the Inquiry will be heard commencing at 10:00 a.m. on September 19, 2007, and continuing on each of September 20, and September 24, 2007, commencing at 10:00 a.m. at the Commission offices located at 50 Tiffany Lane, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador. **NO EVIDENCE WILL BE HEARD AT THAT TIME.**

The criteria for standing in Part I and Part II of the Inquiry and the criteria for funding are set out in the *Public Inquiries Act, 2006* and the Commission's Rules of Procedure and Practice which can be found at the Commission's website at www.cihrt.nl.ca or a copy can be obtained by contacting the Commission at the address or telephone number set out below.

Applications for standing and/or funding are to be submitted to the Commission by 5:00 p.m. on September 5, 2007 via mail, facsimile or email at the following addresses:

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