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**Sent:** Thursday, October 04, 2007 8:43 AM  
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**Subject:** Follow up to October 1st meeting  
**Attachments:** Disclosure options.doc

Hi everyone,

As promised at the last meeting, and for discussion at the meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>, I am circulating to you two options of a possible letter for communicating the results of the decreased.

Thanks

Heather

Dear

As you may be aware, Eastern Health has been investigating the hormone receptor test used after a person is diagnosed with breast cancer. As part of that investigation, it was necessary to retest tissue samples of breast cancer patients, originally tested between 1997 and 2005 and whose results indicated that they were negative for Estrogen Receptors. The definition of negative that was used to identify those retested was less than 30% for tests done from 1997 to 2000 and less than 10% for tests done from 2001 to 2005.

Our records have you listed as the next of kin of \_\_\_\_\_. We wish to inform you that your relative's sample was retested.

**Option 1**

and the results are available if you would like to have them. Please contact the undersigned at your earliest convenience and arrangements will be made to get this information to you.

**Option 2**

Your relative's original results, performed in \_\_\_\_\_, the ER was \_\_\_\_\_% and for PR was \_\_\_\_\_%. Upon retesting at Mount Sinai, the results are now ER \_\_\_\_\_% and PR \_\_\_\_\_%.

If you have any questions about this information, please call the undersigned at \_\_\_\_\_.

Thank-you.

**Specific Examples of Option 2**

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Our records have you listed as the next of kin of \_\_\_\_\_. We wish to inform you that your relative's sample was retested.

Your relative's original results, performed in 1999, the ER was 0% and for PR was 0%. Upon retesting at Mount Sinai the results are now ER 30% and PR 20%.

If you have any questions about this information, please call the undersigned at \_\_\_\_\_.

Thank-you.

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Our records have you listed as the next of kin of \_\_\_\_\_. We wish to inform you that your relative's sample was retested.

Your relative's original results, performed in 2004, the ER was 10-20% and for PR was 40-50%. Upon retesting at Mount Sinai the results are now ER 0% and PR 0%.

If you have any questions about this information, please call the undersigned at \_\_\_\_\_.

Thank-you.