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Subject: FW: ER-PR Data - LG Health

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From: Dr. Kweku Dankwa
Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2007 4:55 PM
To: 'donm@nlchi.nl.ca'
Cc: Barbara Blake; Boyd Rowe; Cora Snow; Karen Carroll
Subject: FW: ER-PR Data - LG Health

Hello Don,

I have embedded my responses in your email. I hope that answers your questions.

Sincerely,

Kweku

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From: Don MacDonald [mailto:donm@nlchi.nl.ca]
Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2007 12:36 PM
To: Dr. Kweku Dankwa
Cc: Boyd Rowe; Barbara Blake
Subject: RE: ER-PR Data - LG Health

Hello Dr. Dankwa:

As you are aware the Centre for Health Information is working on behalf of the Ministry of Health to develop a database that will document events surrounding ER/PR testing for breast cancer patients from 1997-2005. The Labrador-Grenfell Health authority recently provided the Centre with demographic and pathology results for all patients in your region that had ER/PR testing carried out at Eastern Health. This information was extremely valuable and I wish to thank your team for pulling it together in such a timely manner. We are now moving to the 2nd phase of the project, which involves events on how the re-testing/results were communicated to those patients who had their ER/PR's re-tested at Mount Sinai. Specifically, we are asking for the following:

1) Date sample sent to Eastern Health

These were sent in two batches- A first batch was sent September 2005 and a final batch sent after receiving a list of "affected" cases from the Cancer Centre in October 2005.

2) Date of and means by which patient informed sample was sent to Eastern Health for re-testing

Date is as stated above. The samples were sent to Eastern health who then forwarded them to Mount Sinai. I do not know what dates the samples were sent from Eastern Health to Mount Sinai.

3) Name of person informing?

Not sure what this refers to. There was communication with Dr Cook concerning sending specimens to Eastern Health for retesting. Mrs Cora Snow, Pathology Secretary at LG Health communicated with Judy Thomas,

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Secretary at Eastern Health on the submission of the samples.

4) Name of employer (Health Authority) of person so informing patient

This is Labrador-Grenfell Health. With respect to informing patients with the results, that was the responsibility of the Family Physicians and the Surgeons in the care of the patients. They were provided with the results, one to the Family Physician and another copy to the surgeon as well as sending copies to the Oncology Service at the Eastern Health. We in the Pathology Department did not directly communicate with patients unless the patients contacted us directly. Even so, we would initially advised the patients to contact their family physicians and or surgeon. The usual practice of patients getting pathology results is through their clinicians and we maintained that level of communication.

5) Date that outcome of re-test results and Tumor Board review sent to treating physicians

We obtained the results on January 2006 in a spread sheet form and final written results came in at different stages soon afterwards. As indicated as the results became available they were communicated to the Family Physicians and Surgeons in writing from January-May 2006

6) Date and means by which Labrador-Grenfell contacted patient or patient's family about re-test results

Copies of the results were sent to patients' family physicians and surgeons between January and May 2006. The physicians were explicitly advised to contact their patients with the results upon receipt soon thereafter.

7) Date of verification by Labrador-Grenfell that treating physician reviewed re-test results with patient

We trust our physicians to communicate the results, as is the practice to do so, upon receipt of the re-tested results. Physicians attention was brought to this issue at medical staff meetings.

We have been asked to compile and report on this information to the Ministry by September 7th; therefore we would appreciate it if you could provide this data to us by Friday August 24th. A communication from you indicating the timeline for retrieving this data would be appreciated.

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