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**DRAFT**

Dear Patient:

*We are contacting patients that*

~~You~~ have been diagnosed with breast cancer between 1997 and 2004. The initial pathology results from your breast cancer indicated that your tumour was negative for estrogen receptors. As part of a ~~quality assurance~~ review of the laboratory at the General Hospital, ~~your tumour has been sent to the~~ Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto, Ontario, ~~for re-testing of the estrogen and progesterone receptors.~~

*the tissue sample*

The estrogen ~~and progesterone~~ receptor results are used by your doctor to determine the appropriate therapy for your breast cancer. Once the results of this re-testing are known, you will be contacted by your Surgeon or Oncologist, with your results. Any impact that this may have had on your past or present care will be discussed with you by your doctor at that time.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may call the ~~Health Care Corporation, Patient Help Line~~, 777-6500.

*our Patient Relations Officer.*

Yours sincerely,

Dr. R. J. Williams, M.D., M.P.H.  
Vice President - Quality Diagnostic and Medical Services  
Eastern Health Care Board

*your previously tested tissue sample will be retested at*

*...  
You are not required to have any additional testing and are not required to come to the hospital.*