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Re: Update on Estrogen and Progesterone Receptor Testing

The estrogen and progesterone investigation and retesting to date is affecting 835 individuals. A total of 898 samples have been logged and sent to Mount Sinai hospital in Toronto Ontario.

In summary, activity to date is as follows:

Patients whose results have been reported but require review: Total 83 patients

These patients are being reviewed by a panel consisting of two medical oncologists, two pathologists, two surgeons, with support from Quality Enhancement.

Notification is by letter to the most responsible physician. Follow-up to ensure disclosure will be conducted in several weeks.

- **Patient status has changed but there are no treatment recommendations: 37**
- **Patient status has changed and there are treatment recommendations: 22**
- **Patient sample requires further testing: 2**
- **Patient sample has multiple results and will require follow-up: 1**
- **To be reviewed: 21**

These patient will be reviewed at the panel being held on Thursday, November 17, 2005

Patients whose results have been reported and they have been confirmed negative: Total 89 patients

Contacted by QE staff: 41
No answer (after many tries): 3
Contacted by Physician: 44
Other region: 1

Patients whose results have not been received: Total 484 patients

Contacted: 178
No answer: 15
Unable to locate at this time: 6 (we are exploring ways to contact them)
Recently received: 58.

These samples have either been recently received from other regions now in Eastern Health or are from 2004/2005. They names, status and contact information are being confirmed with the Cancer Clinic prior to being called.

Other regions: 227

Both Western and Central will be contacting their own patients. the 10 patients from Labrador will be contacted through Eastern.

Overall these phone calls have gone quite well, with the individuals expecting to be contacted and understanding that the results may take a while. Several individuals wished that we hadn't called until we had results, but overall there were no strong emotional reactions either way. We are continuing to try to reach those 15, but it is difficult without being able to leave messages.

Patients from St. Pierre: Total 8 patients

Contact will be coordinated through Dr. Malluret