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From: Chin, Lavinia
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As <<Key Messages Western Health Laboratory services.doc>> per our conversation, I do have hard copies as well for both of you.

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Key Messages Western Health Laboratory Services

- ✓ Western Health is committed to providing quality safe laboratory services
- ✓ Western Health has been sending ER/PR specimens to Mount Sinai since 2005
- ✓ These specimens are in the form of tissue embedded in wax blocks
- ✓ Slides are prepared by Mount Sinai Hospital
- ✓ Mount Sinai provides Western Health with reports of our specimens on a patient by patient basis
- ✓ Mount Sinai began reporting on specimen adequacy in 2007
- ✓ For 2007, 66 specimens were submitted. Of those, 54 specimens were documented as adequate, 1 was described as marginal (but was evaluated), and 1 was reported as being decalcified. For 10 of these specimens, no specific comment was made whether the specimen was adequate or inadequate.
- ✓ For 2008, 22 specimens were submitted and all were reported as adequate.
- ✓ No communication with Western Health from Dr. Mullen regarding overall concern with respect to quality of fixation, outside of patient reports.
- ✓ Dr. Mullen has advised that there is ultimately no reason to doubt the reliability of the results.
- ✓ Western Health sends out a number of slides to other labs across the country with no issues identified.(eg. Gamma Dynacare)
- ✓ We regularly monitor the quality of our specimens and make improvements in our processes if necessary.

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