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**From:** Tracy Chislett [tracy.chislett@nlchi.nl.ca]  
**Sent:** August 7, 2008 11:42 AM  
**To:** Gregory, Deborah  
**Cc:** Reza Alaghehbandan; Don MacDonald; Thompson, Robert; pat.pilgrim@easternhealth.ca  
**Subject:** RE: Late Identifiers and other outstanding information

Hi Debbie,

In response to your second point, we did receive a file from Wayne Miller's group that contained information on verification of contact by physician. This has been added to the database. As for the NT and DCIS, we haven't received any information on this.

Thanks,

**Tracy Chislett**

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Gregory, Deborah [mailto:DeborahGregory@gov.nl.ca]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 07, 2008 11:23 AM  
**To:** Tracy Chislett  
**Cc:** Reza Alaghehbandan; Don MacDonald; Thompson, Robert; Gregory, Deborah  
**Subject:** FW: Late Identifiers and other outstanding information

Tracy/Reza/Don:  
Please read the embedded email from Pat Pilgrim.

Based on my telephone conversation as few minutes ago I have determined that:

1. You will receive the info on late identifiers if not by tomorrow, then no later than Monday.
2. Reza: Pat indicated that her understanding was that you had been sent a disc or 2 of updated info on No Tumors, DCIS and verification of contact by physician. The reviews are completed and the information was sent internally (to Wayne Miller's group). Can you please confirm receipt of the same and if this has been added to the database?
3. She would like to have a high level meeting when Don gets back to discuss ongoing maintenance, updating mortality information as it becomes available, and the potential to access database for research purposes [for example, the Canadian Cancer Society has expressed an interest in conducting research on cause of death].
4. She will send an email confirming that the decision to not proceed with any search strategies to identify potential missing patients was made at the CEO level (i.e., Louise Jones).

Debbie

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**From:** Pat Pilgrim [mailto:pat.pilgrim@easternhealth.ca]  
**Sent:** August 7, 2008 10:26 AM  
**To:** Gregory, Deborah; Dianne Smith  
**Cc:** Thompson, Robert  
**Subject:** RE: Late Identifiers and other outstanding information

Debbie, This is where we are with the database:

- The results of the several reviews we have done have been entered into “our side” of the database and are being sent to NLCHI for their entry. As you may remember, this involves adding fields to capture other information such as:
  - Verification of contact by physician using one of three sources.....evidence in chart/direct confirmation from physician/direct confirmation from pt.
  - Evidence of verification of all DCIS reported from Mount Sinai...Dr. Nash Denic has signed off on all of this as the final check
  - Verification of follow up of all the No Tumour Reports from Mount Sinai... outcome of the review documented and signed off by Dr. Denic
- The updates of any patients tested since the original testing including:
  - All patients who are self identifying who should have been retested with the original process, i.e. patients who would not have been retested if they had not contacted us. There are the “self identifier” group
  - All other patients calling in to be retested who do not fit the criteria for the original retest. These are the “personal request” group . Most of these are patients who were positive but are concerned and have asked for verification that their original tests results were accurate. There are many, many other requests as well .

The information requested by the commission related to the “self identifier” group. After speaking with you yesterday, I did some checking into the delay with the request from the COI in May. Heather sent the list of 8 and there was a subsequent request for further information from Reza. I have no evidence that this was supplied.....and there was a subsequent additional request in July for this. So, I am working on getting this over to them . Heather P was supposed to provide this , she is not back until Monday. I will get it over today if I can get the info without Heather...if not they will get it on Monday.

Just another issue, the “personal request” group need to be documented...we are doing it in our internal database just as another group. Not sure if this would be a part of the NLCHI database?

We had said we need to have a meeting just to discuss this as well as maintenance and responsibility for the database on an ongoing basis. We would have this discussion when the right people are available including our staff, NLCHI and perhaps yourself or Robert? Call me when you have read this as I want to talk to you about it?

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**To:** Dianne Smith  
**Cc:** Pat Pilgrim; Thompson, Robert  
**Subject:** RE: Late Identifiers and other outstanding information

Hi Pat/Dianne:  
Two questions

1. Has the information on late identifiers (and any other outstanding data required to update the database) been forwarded by Wayne Miller to NLCHI? If it has not, when do you estimate it will be sent along?
2. Can you please confirm if Dan Simmonds disclosed the information on late identifiers to the Commission of Inquiry (as Pat indicated yesterday during our telephone conversation) and, if such was the case, what was the number of patients and the reasons for late identification?

Thanks,  
Debbie

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**From:** Dianne Smith [<mailto:Dianne.Smith@easternhealth.ca>]  
**Sent:** August 6, 2008 2:22 PM  
**To:** Gregory, Deborah  
**Subject:** RE: Late Identifiers

Thanks Deb – I found my copy – There is so much E-mail that I couldn't remember where I filed

it – Good thing you are on top of things. I had thought this was completed – we are following-up.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, August 06, 2008 2:22 PM  
**To:** Dianne Smith  
**Cc:** Pat Pilgrim  
**Subject:** FW: Late Identifiers

Dianne:  
Here is a copy of the email we discussed earlier.  
Debbie

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**From:** Reza Alaghehbandan [<mailto:reza.alaghehbandan@nlchi.nl.ca>]  
**Sent:** July 21, 2008 9:26 AM  
**To:** Gregory, Deborah  
**Subject:** FW: Late Identifiers

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Dianne Smith [mailto:Dianne.Smith@easternhealth.ca]

**Sent:** Friday, July 18, 2008 10:53 AM

**To:** Heather Predham

**Cc:** Terry Gulliver; Pat Pilgrim; Reza Alaghebandan

**Subject:** Late Identifiers

Hi Heather,

A reminder from Reza to forward to him or to me for him all information related to the late identifiers so as to update the database.

Thanks!

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