

**Joyce Penney**

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**From:** Louise Jones  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 10, 2008 4:21 PM  
**To:** Joyce Penney; Pat Pilgrim  
**Subject:** FW: Patient [REDACTED] NLCHI Database

Pat,

At some point we will need to look at all of this.. but it will be after we know what were all of the facts..

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**From:** Thompson, Robert [mailto:rthompson@gov.nl.ca]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 09, 2008 4:58 PM  
**To:** Louise Jones; Pat Pilgrim  
**Subject:** Patient [REDACTED]

Louise/Pat:

Please see the following email I have sent to Karen McGrath. I realize that everyone is working hard to address this patient, and things now seem to be moving ahead. However, I thought it wise to provide certain information to Karen regarding the disclosure to this patient.

I recognize that Pat has already identified the need to evaluate and learn lessons from this case. I have reiterated the need for such an evaluation in the email.

Robert

Karen:

I mentioned in my first email to you that "the patient still needs to be informed". While I am not in a position to suggest the approach which Central or Eastern should take to disclosure to this patient, I can offer the following information about this case:

1. according to the NLCHI ER/PR database, this patient was never contacted to inform her that she would be retested;
2. the public expectation since October 2005 has been that all patients who were identified for retesting would be notified that their original tissue samples were being retested;
3. therefore, the patient likely has no information at all that she was selected for retesting or that the retesting process is incomplete;
4. the delay in the completion of the retesting process may be over two years, a point that should be factored into the disclosure.

Of course it is presently unclear whether a retest for this patient will result in a changed result or a new treatment recommendation. I have no opinion on the cause of the delay; nevertheless, it can be observed that the delay is an important issue and should be evaluated by Central and Eastern. I am emailing the same information to Louise Jones.

Please call or email me if you wish to discuss, and I would appreciate being kept abreast of the decisions made on how the retesting and disclosure unfolds.

Robert

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