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From: Donald Cook
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Hi Diponkar,

Dr. Kara Laing, our clinical chief in oncology received a phone call from an oncologist in Fredericton N.B. stating that problems with ER's and PR's have been identified for a particular year from a Fredericton Lab and was looking for information on what happened here and how we handled the issue. Dr. Laing advised the oncologist that a more thorough review other than the year in question is needed. As for an explanation as to what is happening, the Fredericton lab reports they have a pH issue, according to Dr. Laing. I anticipate that this may spread to other regions in Canada as the problem becomes more widely known. From a Canadian Ass. of Path perspective, I think we need to stay on top of this issue and liaise very closely with the Canadian Ass of Oncologists and be ready for possible media interviews. I will keep you posted.

Regards,
Don Cook

*Dr Hussein to the
oncologist from N.B.*

*Dr Laing advised Lunn
Board of this issue
on Jan 12, 2006*