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Sent: Friday, October 14, 2005 11:03 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: retesting of breast cancer patients

Thanks [REDACTED]. I am doing more work on it now. Would you be interested in speaking to the media about your own concerns? Call me today if you can. Peter

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From: [REDACTED]
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Hello Peter, I listened with great interested to your comments on CBC Radio this morning with respect to the plight of breast cancer patients in this province and their need to be retested. This situation troubles me deeply as I fall into this group of patients myself.

I am particularly distressed that patients had to find out this information in the media and then search out the details themselves. I have spoken to a family doctor and they have no information to provide to patients. I have spoken to the Eastern Heath Authority and they are advising patients, when they are asked, about the retesting procedure, but there is no information about how long this may take.

I am sending a letter to the CEO of our health board that encourages him to advocate for patients in this region around this issue.

I will forward you a copy.

Please continue to bring this critical issue to the public of this province, as I am sure that many patients do not know that this is a concern for them. My initial thought when I heard this in the news last week was that this didn't involve me as a patient as I assumed that my pathology was completed in [REDACTED]. This turned out not to be correct and I wonder do all women know that this particular test would have to have been completed in St.

John's?

Thanks again for keeping this issue in the forefront. Keep up the good work.