

Hello Dr. Jenkins:

As you are aware the Centre for Health Information is working on behalf of the Ministry of Health to develop a database that will document events surrounding ER/PR testing for breast cancer patients from 1997-2005. The Western Health authority recently provided the Centre with demographic and pathology results for all patients

In your region that had ER/PR testing carried out at Eastern Health. This information was extremely valuable and I wish to thank your team for pulling it together in such a timely manner. We are now moving to the 2nd phase of the project, which involves events on how the re-testing/results were communicated to those patients who had their ER/PR's re-tested at Mount Sinai. Specifically, we are asking for the following:

- 1) Date sample sent to Eastern Health
- 2) Date of and means by which patient informed sample was sent to Eastern Health for re-testing
- 3) Name of person informing?
- 4) Name of employer (Health Authority) of person so informing patient
- 5) Date that outcome of re-test results and Tumor Board review sent to treating physicians
- 6) Date and means by which Western Health contacted patient or patient's family about re-test results
- 7) Date of verification by Western Health that treating physician reviewed re-test results with patient

We have been asked to compile and report on this information to the Ministry by September 7th, therefore we would appreciate it if you could provide this data to us by Friday August 24th. A communication from you indicating the timeline for retrieving this data would be appreciated.

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