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Hi Robert,

As promised and in follow up to our meeting this morning re alternative search strategies in identifying potential missing patients, I think obtaining the following information from each RHAs is crucial in our attempt to use an alternative search strategy:

- 1- How many LIS (Lab Information System) does each RHAs have (with the name of health care facility)? For instance, Carbonear has its own LIS, although it is a part of EH. LIS systems in St. John's (HSC, SCM, Grace) and Carbonear are not connected.
- 2- How pathology reports (for years 1997-2005) are being stored in each RHAs? Are they all electronically available in LIS? or they are some years paper-based?
- 3- What search profiles/strategies used to identify breast cancer patients in 2005 when Eastern Health requested list of patients with ER-PR negative to be sent for retesting at Mount Sinai? What search word (s) were used? Is there any document to this effect re the search strategy?
- 4- What search strategies was used to capture patients whose their pathology reports were not electronically available?
- 5- Who performed the LIS search as well as the paper-based searches at each RHAs?
- 6- Was a consistent search strategy/profile considered at each LIS in each RHA?

I think the above items can be used in a draft audit form sent to each RHAs.

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