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The plot thickens.....

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From: Heather Predham
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Cc: Denise Dunn; Patricia Pilgrim
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HI,

I had a long conversation with representatives from HIROC yesterday evening.

As a bit of background, they are currently defending a class action lawsuit against Health Labrador re: the reprocessing of equipment. Apparently the aspect of this lawsuit on which they are most vulnerable was the method the people were informed. Ches Crosbie has alledged in the lawsuit that the people suffered significant mental anguish from the way they were told and that the risk of disease from their exposure did not warrant the stress and anxiety they suffered by being told.

The organization felt the need to disclose publicly, ran it by their legal counsel and then wrote letters to every person affected and sent out a news release (sound familiar??). Their vulnerability comes from the lack of weighing out the risk from the exposure versus the anxiety of being told about it. In this case the risk from the exposure was very small.

This leads us to our situation. It's not that they don't want us to disclose, they just don't want us to disclose until we are sure of our facts. I've had a quick voice mail from Dan after my chat with HIROC, they contacted him after they hung up from me, reiterating this and that they will be in touch again in the morning.

So, I guess we will have to reevaluate where we are before we plan to send those letters etc?

Should we chat about this face to face?

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