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Hi Phil,

Sorry I wasn't able to connect with you earlier. I didn't connect with Bob Bell until late last evening. He offered some advice but there appears to be a gap in terms of anyone who owns this issue. Everyone seems to be concurring that this is a big problem, but who should take the lead is unclear to say the least. CBC TV on The National did a story on this last night and they interviewed a Phd from British Columbia which suggested a need to follow up on this through the country. I am curious whether this story got picked up where you are.

In the meantime, the only plan we have at this time is to write the Canadian Association of Pathologists. Other suggestions would be welcomed. I have attached my email to Bob Bell.

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Hi Bob,

Just wanted to thank you again for calling me back last evening. I appreciated the opportunity to talk through this difficult issue with you and get your advice.

There appears to be growing body of evidence and opinion that there are many questions inherent with this ER/PR test. Even for me as a non clinician, it raises eye brows.

As a member of the Board of the Canadian Patient Safety Institute I want to ensure that, if there are learning's for others from our experience, we will share it. Having said that, I understand that Ontario already has a comprehensive accreditation program in place for its labs.

Our Laboratory Clinical Chief will be contacting the two individuals you referenced to also see what insight they can offer in terms of national follow. It appears that there is a gap in terms of a national entity who can take the lead with this issue, so we will likely have to take a shot gun approach to the follow up and hope that there is someone who can keep it moving.

In the meantime we will write the Canadian Association of Pathologists and others that we may subsequently identify. I will also seek Phil's help at the CPSI.

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