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[Eastern Health](#) says it has implemented new means of ensuring high standard patient care including improving a Quality Management Program and seeking accreditation for the entire laboratory. This after some failed testing for breast cancer. Breast Tumor samples are tested for estrogen and progesterone receptors to determine if hormonal therapy may be a treatment option. Over 100 women did not receive proper treatment because of a screening problem. 117 patients were identified as requiring treatment changes by a panel of oncologists, pathologists and surgeons. Some of the women have launched a class action suit against the corporation. On VOCM Night Line with Linda Swain, one of the women affected by the screening problem was not enthused by the latest development. Minnie said it's very difficult to get information from the corporation. Patients who have been notified of a change in result have met with their treating physicians to determine their current treatment options. Meantime, Eastern Health is expected to reinstate testing at the Health Sciences Centre in the coming year.



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