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Hi Mary,

How are you? Here's a briefing note I did for Dr. Williams in preparation for his meeting with the minister this evening. I've run it past dr. cook, who's ok with it but Dr. Williams is busy in clinic and suggested that I run it by george for feedback.....

i'm going on a conference call right now, so page me if you need me

Heather

**To: Dr. R Williams  
V. P. Quality, Diagnostic and Medical Services**

**From: Heather Predham  
Manager, Quality and Risk**

**Date: November 17, 2005**

**Re: Update on Estrogen and Progesterone Receptor Testing**

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The estrogen and progesterone investigation and retesting to date is affecting 835 individuals. A total of 898 samples have been logged and sent to Mount Sinai hospital in Toronto Ontario.

In summary, activity to date is as follows:

**Patients whose results have been reported but require review: Total 83 patients**

These patients are being reviewed by a panel consisting of two medical oncologists, two pathologists, two surgeons, with support from Quality Enhancement.

Notification is by letter to the most responsible physician. Follow-up to ensure disclosure will be conducted in several weeks.

- **Patient status has changed but there are no treatment recommendations: 37**
- **Patient status has changed and there are treatment recommendations: 22**
- **Patient sample requires further testing: 2**
- **Patient sample has multiple results and will require follow-up: 1**
- **To be reviewed: 21**

*These patients will be reviewed at the panel being held on Thursday, November 17, 2005*

**Patients whose results have been reported and have been confirmed negative: Total 89 patients**

- Contacted by QE staff: 41**
- No answer (after many tries): 3**
- Contacted by Physician: 44**
- Other region: 1**

**Patients whose results have not been received: Total 484 patients**

- Contacted: 178**
- No answer: 15**
- Unable to locate at this time: 6 (we are exploring ways to contact them)**
- Recently received: 58.**

These samples have either been recently received from other regions now in Eastern Health or are from 2004/2005. They names, status and contact information are being confirmed with the Cancer Clinic prior to being called.

- Other regions: 227**
- Both Western and Central will be contacting their own patients. the 10 patients from Labrador will be contacted through Eastern.

*Overall these phone calls have gone quite well, with the individuals expecting to be contacted and understanding that the results may take a while. Several individuals wished that we hadn't called until we had results, but overall there were no strong emotional reactions either way. We are continuing to try to reach those 15, but it is difficult without being able to leave messages.*

*We have received over 60 calls from individuals affected by this issue, the majority being follow-up conversations for clarification after being contacted by our department.*

**Patients from St. Pierre: Total 8 patients**

Contact will be coordinated through Dr. Malluret

**Patients in Care: Total 13 patients**

Contact will be coordinated through the Medical Director of the previous SJNHB

**Patients who are deceased: Total 158 patients**

Arrangements will be made to notify family members once all results have been received. Unfortunately we have discovered that several have passed away upon making contact with family members.