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Louise:

As you may be aware, 12 newly identified patients who met the criteria for retesting have self-identified since the spring. Data transfer from Eastern to NLCHI on these patients has been slow, but I understand it is now almost complete.

The reason for this email is to revisit the idea of an alternative search strategy for patients who should have been retested. In the spring when this idea was initially considered we only had one self-identifier and the likelihood of additional new patients was unknown. Now with 12 patients identified the level of significance is higher.

I have asked NLCHGI to determine whether these 12 people would have been found if we employed the alternative search strategy in the spring. If so, this will raise our confidence that the methodology is sound. A new comprehensive search will be resource intensive but it will be worthwhile. I would appreciate discussing this with you. We will also need to enlist the cooperation of other RHAs.

RT

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