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Subject: Response to Commission of Inquiry Questions

Robert:

Reza and I have reviewed the list of questions required by the Commission of Inquiry and have provided comments with respect to current activities in the attached table. Basically the comment section contains one of four entries:

1. "Currently being collected". We are gathering data on question as part of our current work
2. "Not currently being collected - availability needs to be confirmed". Not part of our current work, although from our experience it appears data is available to answer most questions.
3. "Data collection for this question to commence August 20th". Refers to the work that will start on Heather Predham's return from holidays.
4. "Mount Sinai data file requested" - File requested from Mount Sinai is expected to answer this question.

While difficult to estimate the additional time needed to include the additional fields (#2 above), Reza feels a minimum of one (1) additional month would be required. Preferred approach is to complete the database as agreed to last week, and then enhance on a go forward basis.

Also, in reviewing the Commission of Inquiry set of questions it was found the wording of some questions would benefit from a more intimate understanding of the current Lab environment at Eastern Health. Perhaps the author of the questions could speak with the Director of the Lab, as well as Reza, to help clarify some questions. For example, there are no technicians, only technologists; there is really no "testing", rather it is "reporting"; and questions 10-14 could be combined into one question. I only mention this because Reza and I spent considerable time interpreting the questions to what we assumed the Commission of Inquiry was looking for before coming up with an appropriate answer. We would all benefit from a common understanding of what is required.

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The attached list of suggested fields is from the Commission of Inquiry.

Please assess and let me know which ones are incremental to our existing list and how much effort it will be to add them. I am thinking that if the effort level is high, we may do the work as a phase one (the current task) and phase two (the additional commission fields). Thanks

Robert

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Rolf:

Please see the attached list of data or information that might, if readily available, prove to be of interest.

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**Summary of Current Status of Data Collection Activities
Newfoundland and Labrador Centre for Health Information
August 10, 2007**

Question	Current Status
1. Name of Health Authority sample originated from?	Currently being collected
2. Name of surgeon who obtained sample?	Not currently being collected – availability needs to be confirmed
3. Name of lab-technician(s) who processed sample?	Not currently being collected – availability needs to be confirmed.
4. Name of pathologist who processed sample?	Currently being collected
5. Source of original case data (eg. Meditech)?	Not currently being collected – availability needs to be confirmed
6. Date sample was originally obtained by Eastern Health?	Not currently being collected – availability needs to be confirmed
7. Date sample was originally processed by Eastern Health?	Currently being collected
8. Date sample was originally “tested” by Eastern Health (ie. classified (+ or -) and/or assigned percentage/descriptive class for ER/PR)? (ER/PR Staining)	Currently being collected
9. Name of lab-technician(s) involved in processing of sample by Eastern Health?	Not currently being collected – availability needs to be confirmed
10. Name of pathologist who originally” tested” sample at Eastern Health?	Currently being collected
11. Place sample was originally “tested” (ie. classified (+ or -) and/or assigned percentage/descriptive class for ER/PR) if not by Eastern Health?	Currently being collected
12. Date sample was originally “tested” (ie. classified (+ or -) and/or assigned percentage/descriptive class for ER/PR) if by not by Eastern Health?	Currently being collected

13. Name of pathologist (non-Eastern Health) who originally “tested” (classified (+ or -) and/or assigned percentage/descriptive class for ER/PR) if not by Eastern Health?	Currently being collected
14. Whether sample re-tested at Mt. Sinai?	Not currently being collected – availability needs to be confirmed
15. Date sample sent to Mt. Sinai?	Not currently being collected – date is not entered consistently in Meditech (e.g., Oct 2005; 2005)
16. Date of and means by which patient informed sample was sent for re-testing?	Data collection for this question to commence August 20 th
17. Name of person informing?	Data collection for this question to commence August 20 th
18. Name of employer (Health Authority) of person so informing patient?	Data collection for this question to commence August 20 th
19. Date re-testing performed by Mt. Sinai?	Mount Sinai data file requested
20. Date Mt. Sinai re-test results received by Eastern Health?	Mount Sinai data file requested. Only date results entered into Meditech available from Meditech
21. Whether re-test resulted in a change from – to + ER/PR receptor? Amount of change(s) in percentage figures/descriptive class for ER/PR, as well as actual figures reported by Mt. Sinai?	Currently being collected. Note that some pathologists reported only (-) or (+) rather than a numerical score. Mount Sinai data file requested
22. Date re-test results reviewed by Tumor Board?	Data collection for this question to commence August 20 th
23. Date that outcome of re-test results and Tumor Board review sent to treating physicians?	Data collection for this question to commence August 20 th
24. Date and means by which Eastern Health contacted patient or patient’s family about re-test results?	Data collection for this question to commence August 20 th .
25. Date of verification by Eastern Health that treating physician reviewed re-test results with patient?	Data collection for this question to commence August 20 th
26. Gender of patient?	Currently being collected

27. Age of patient at time sample obtained by surgeon?	Not currently being collected – can be calculated to age in years
28. Nature of procedure used to obtain sample (ie. biopsy/surgery)?	Data collection for this question to commence August 20 th