



# Western Health

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Mr. Robert Thompson  
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*Robert*

Dear Mr. Thompson:

This letter is in follow up to your correspondence of November 6, 2007, requesting Western Health to determine if tissue sample of patients with original ER/PR between 1997 and 2005 have not been sent to Eastern Health (Mt Sinai) for retesting. The patients were deceased at the time the request for samples was made by Eastern Health in mid 2005. Western Health has determined three (3) patients had negative ER/PR in 2005 and were deceased. These samples have been sent (November 6, 2005) to Eastern Health for submission to Mt Sinai as "consults."

As requested, the patient identifying information has been submitted to you as follows:

- List 1 A - Western Region Cases ER/PR Results Not Retested in 2005 as Patient Deceased. Sent for Retesting November 2007 N=3.
- List 1 B - Western Region Cases ER/PR Not Retested in 2005 as Patient Deceased and Not Meeting Other Criteria for Retesting N=5.

If you have questions or require clarification please contact me. I trust this is satisfactory.

Sincerely,

*Susan*

Susan Gillam  
Chief Executive Officer

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Attached

c.c. Mr. Don Keats  
Dr. Ken Jenkins

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**LIST I**

**A. Western Region**

Cases EP/PR Results Not Retested in 2005 as Patients Deceased. Sent for Retesting November 2007 N=3

NAME	MCP	SPECIMEN NUMBER	ORIGINAL ER	ORIGINAL PR	RATIONAL FOR RETEST NOT REQUIRED IN 2005	SENT TO EASTERN HEALTH FOR SUBMISSION TO MT SINAI
1) [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	03:SU3325	neg (0)	neg (0)	Did not meet criteria for retesting in 2005 as patient was deceased.	November 6, 2007
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	04:SU2953	neg	neg	Did not meet criteria for retesting in 2005 as patient was deceased.	November 6, 2007
3) [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	03:SU1848	neg (0)	neg (0)	Did not meet criteria for retesting in 2005 as patient was deceased.	November 6, 2007

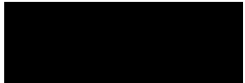

## LIST I

## B. Western Region

Cases ER/PR Results Not Retested in 2005 as Patient Deceased and Not Meeting Other Criteria for Retesting N=5

NAME	MCP	SPECIMEN NUMBER	ORIGINAL ER	ORIGINAL PR	RATIONAL FOR RETEST NOT REQUIRED IN 2005
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	02:SU3454	neg	neg	Did not meet criteria for retest in 2005 as patient was deceased. Additionally, the sample was a skin biopsy with cancer invading the lymphatics. The right breast biopsy SU2689-01 showed ER positive 25%.
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	03:SU6114	neg (0)	neg (0)	Did not meet criteria for retesting in 2005 as patient was deceased. Additionally, the sample was a skin biopsy with metastatic carcinoma. The original ER was completed in 1992

NAME	MCP	SPECIMEN NUMBER	ORIGINAL ER	ORIGINAL PR	RATIONAL FOR RETEST NOT REQUIRED IN 2005
					using the old method (SU-4935-92).
3) [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	03:SU1775	wp	neg	Did not meet criteria for retesting in 2005 as patient was deceased. Additionally, the sample was a mass in the right cheek. The preferred diagnosis was metastatic. The ER done in 1992 was completed using the old method (SU-4452-92).
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	03:SU1700	neg	neg	Did not meet the criteria for retesting in 2005 as patient was deceased. Additionally, this sample was a tumor in the bowel compatible with peritoneal carcinomatosis. ER done in 1995 (SU-1412-95) using the old method.

NAME	MCP	SPECIMEN NUMBER	ORIGINAL ER	ORIGINAL PR	RATIONAL FOR RETEST NOT REQUIRED IN 2005
		01:SU3045	neg	neg	Did not meet the criteria for retesting in 2005 as patient was deceased. Additionally, the sample 01:SU3045 was a bone biopsy suspicious for metastatic malignancy. Features were suggestive but not diagnostic of a breast primary.