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Hi Robert:

We continue to work with staff at Eastern Health's lab to resolve discrepancies in patient listings, demographics and clinical entries for breast cancer patients (1997-2005) that were sent to Mount Sinai for re-testing. Having first completed the straight forward cases, we were left with 50+ patient records that required further investigation. As of today we have resolved all but 19 of these 50+ records. It is expected the majority of this work will be completed this weekend.

We received the file on ER/PR re-testing for NL breast cancer patients (1997-2005) from Mount Sinai on Thursday night. We have only just learned that individual samples sent for re-testing were considered "consults" and as such generated a full pathology report that was sent back to Eastern; they were not included in excel spread sheet we have just received. We are following up with Mount Sinai to address this oversight, nevertheless we have preliminary evidence to suggest that the number of patients sent for re-testing at Mount Sinai may be less than 939.

We have received information from Central, Western and Labrador/Grenfell regarding communication events. Upon preliminary review it appears everything they have has been provided, however some follow-up will be required. Further communication with Rolf Pritchard will also take place regarding documents previously sent to the Department. Work begins with Heather Predham on Monday August 20 to document communication events in Eastern Health.

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