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From: Sharon Smith  
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2006 9:25 AM  
To: Heather Predham; Patricia Pilgrim; Pam Elliott; Robert Williams  
Subject: RE: ER/PR update

From what I saw and read at the San Antonio Breast Cancer meeting, this is not an unexpected phenomenon, but it does add to the confusion. As I am late getting in to this issue, I am not sure what my role is.....Chris Power has been involved to some degree, and Kara has been very much involved, so let me know what you need me to do.

Sharon

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From: Heather Predham [mailto:Heather.Predham@hccsj.nl.ca]  
Sent: January 11, 2006 9:00 AM  
To: Sharon Smith; Patricia Pilgrim; Pam Elliott; Robert Williams  
Subject: ER/PR update

Hi all,

I just wanted to give you a heads up on another facet of the ER/PR crystal.....

As you know, we have sent all the samples that were negative for ER from 1997 to April 2004 for retesting at Mount Sinai. These are the samples that were originally processed using our Dako system (the manual system with all the steps). Mount Sinai uses the same system, but is the only lab in Canada to be accredited and participate in internal and external proficiency testing.

We also stopped all our testing in August 2005 and have sent all samples to Mount Sinai since that time.

That left a group of samples that were done on our automated Ventana system from April 2004 to August 2005 that were not validated by Mount Sinai. The decision was made in the Fall to send these samples up to Mount Sinai as well. We now have a lady whose original sample showed a degree of positivity (under the 10% level so it was sent to Mount Sinai) but came back completely negative. She has been informed and she has been taken off Arimedex. We now have two more results back with the same situation....I guess you can say that they are false positives. These two will be paneled at this Thursday's meeting.

The explanation from the lab is that this can be expected because of the different platforms for testing, but it is of course is a totally new aspect of this situation.....I just wanted to make you aware and I'll keep you updated.

Heather

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