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Breast Cancer Markers

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This information applies to: Pathologists, Oncologists and Surgeons of PEI

In order to facilitate neoadjuvant therapy, as of June 1st, 2021, Laboratory Services will perform breast cancer markers (estrogen receptor, progesterone receptor and Her2) on all biopsies with breast cancer. If Her2 is equivocal (2+), it will be repeated on the resection specimen, and the biopsy will not be sent for FISH testing unless requested by the Oncologist. Furthermore, we will cease performing Ki-67 routinely.

In certain situations, we will repeat breast markers on the resection specimens e.g. low grade carcinoma that was estrogen receptor negative on the biopsy.

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