

Letter from David Morhart, Director EMS and Cancer Services , Ministry of Health, Government of Saskatchewan regarding breast density notification and screening at 40 May 6 , 2022 to Jennie Dale and Sharon Olson of DBC

Hello Jennie and Sharon,

Thank you for following up with us and thank you for the meeting back in March.

Since that time, we have had several discussions related to Breast Density reporting with our colleagues in both the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency (SCA) and the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA). I am happy to provide you with a few updates from those discussions.

The SHA has indicated that as part of the Breast Pathway, mammography screening reports will transition this year to the provincial PACS system and dictated reporting will be available on the provincial RIS/PACS system. The initial phase of this transition will be starting later in May and should be fully up and running before the end of the year to ensure that radiologists are fully trained on the new system. These dictated reports will include breast density for all categories, and will be available to patients on the “myHealth Record” system like all other imaging reports.

The actual Breast Density reporting software will be implemented in 2023 as previously indicated, but the ability for radiologists to dictate and report on breast density will be expedited to occur prior to the end of 2022.

The Breast Pathway Vision Report has also recommended the lowering of the screening program to include women in their 40's, along with the ability to self-refer like all other women in the screening program. This is currently targeted to occur in 2024-25 as per the Breast Pathway report.

Also, since we last spoke, the province released the provincial budget and I am happy to report that it included an additional \$500,000 to the SCA in 2022-23 to continue implementing the recommendations of the Breast Pathway.

Again, thank you for your continued feedback and we will keep you updated as these initiatives progress.

Dave