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Dear First,

I am writing to you because our records indicate that you received cataract surgery on [month, date, year], and [month, date, year], performed by Dr. [name surgeon].

It has come to our attention a patient with probable Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) had cataract surgery at Horizon's The Moncton Hospital prior to your surgery. CJD is a rare degenerative brain disorder that leads to dementia.

There is no significant risk to you, given that possible transmission of CJD by surgical instruments has only been documented on seven occasions worldwide. All of these cases occurred more than 20-40 years ago, prior to the implementation of modern cleaning and sterilization procedures. All of these cases involved brain surgery, and CJD has not been linked to cataract surgery.

Although you are at no significant risk of acquiring CJD from your cataract surgery, it is the responsibility of Horizon Health Network (Horizon) to inform patients when rare events such as this occur.

You will be receiving a call, if not already, from Horizon Health Network asking if you wish to have a follow-up appointment with your ophthalmologist. Your ophthalmologist is aware you have been potentially exposed and will gladly meet with you if you would like. A separate letter has also been shared with your primary health care provider.

We wish to assure you that your recent surgery will not place you at any significant future risk for CJD. Horizon Health Network is committed to delivering safe and quality health care while keeping all our patients well - informed.

If you have any other concerns, please contact one of Horizon's patient representatives at 1-844-225-0220.

Sincerely,

Karen McGrath,
President and CEO
Horizon Health Network



cc (Insert Family Physician)