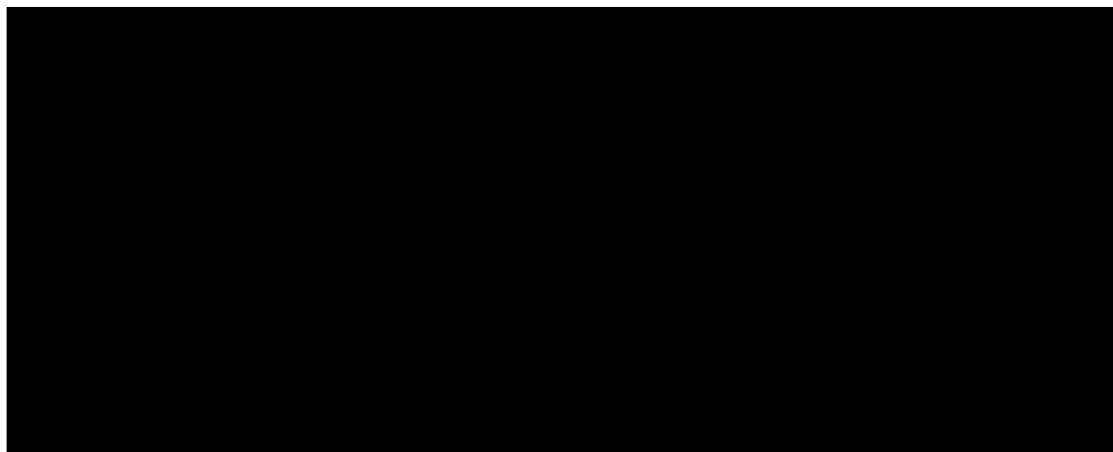


**Notes of Meeting  
Laboratory Medicine Program  
2003 04 04**

**Present:** Dr. D. Cook  
Mr. T. Gulliver  
Dr. R. Williams

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**3. Capital Equipment**

Tandem Mass Spec and Automated Blood Bank System are now installed. Both will be operational in the next few weeks.

The \$30,000 request from the Medicine Program for Clinical Genetics is still outstanding.

Terry

Terry indicated that the Laboratory will soon go to tender for an Atomic Absorption Spec and Light Cycler to be funded from the April, 2003, IGA pledge.

Terry

Terry inquired about the recent announcement in the federal budget that Nfld. will receive \$8.4 million per year for the next 3 years for diagnostic equipment and would the Laboratory Program avail of this new funding. Dr. Williams indicated that the provincial government decides where that money will be spent, however, it may take some pressure of the HCCSJ

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capital equipment budget. This may allow the HCCSJ to allocate additional funds for the Lab Program.

Dr. Williams

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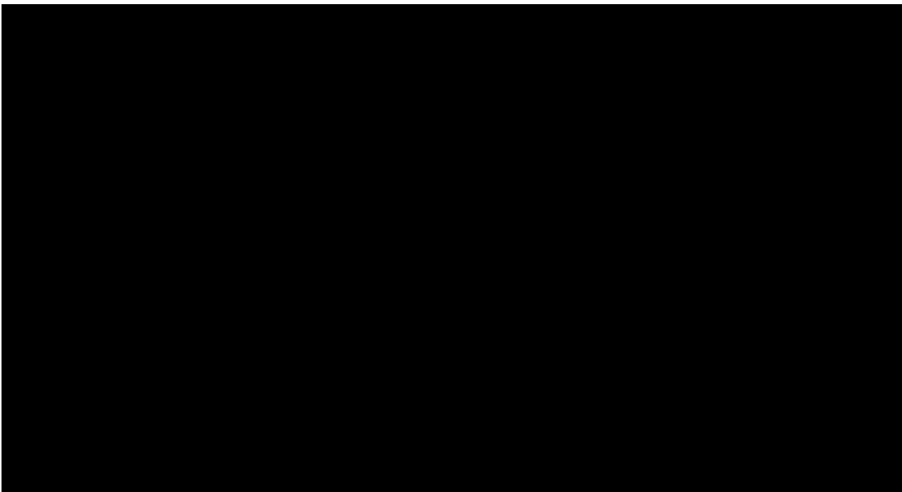
5. **Lab Renovations**

Terry indicated that Phase II at the HSC has finally been completed and Phase III is now starting.

Terry will write Keith Bowden in regards to the traffic flow in the Pathology corridor with a view to limit the amount of traffic and to post signage indicating that it is restricted access.

Terry

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8. **Budget**

The Laboratory is over budget by \$166,000 to the end of February. Included in this amount is \$110,000 of the \$135,000 budget reduction.

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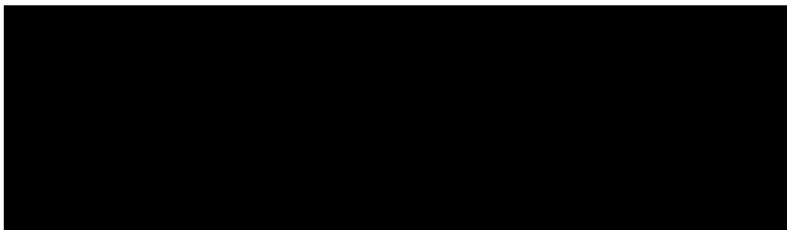
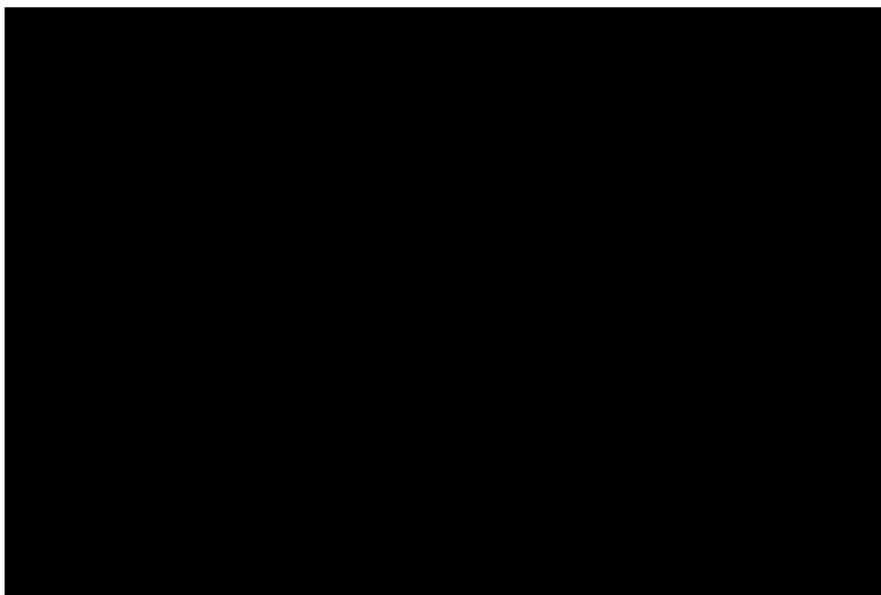
Since the Laboratory has not met the full \$250,000 in 2002/3, Sharon Lehr in Budgeting in conjunction with Terry has removed the remaining \$135,000 from the 2003/4 budget.

**9. Lab Planning Day**

Terry indicated that the Laboratory Planning Day of March 24<sup>th</sup> was very successful and thanked Dr. Williams for his input.

Terry will prepare a final submission of the issues that need to be brought forth to Executive Management.

Terry

**10.****New Business****1.****2.**

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**5. Pathologists' Workload**

Dr. Cook brought this issue forward as some of the Pathologists at the HSC site have complained that their workload is heavier than the Pathologists at St. Clare's.

Dr. Cook indicated that he was going to ask Dr. Pushpanathan to assume responsibility for all products of conception at the HSC. This is approximately 400 specimens/year.

Dr. Cook asked Terry about the possibility and impact of transferring the specimens from Labrador City to St. Clare's from the HSC. Terry indicated that since the vast majority of these specimens are grossed by the Technologist II's, the laboratory could facilitate this request by sending the slides to St. Clare's for the Pathologists to interpret.

There are approximately 600-800 specimens per year from Labrador City and would also mean lost revenue for the HSC Pathologists as they will no longer interpret these specimens.

Dr. Cook/  
Terry

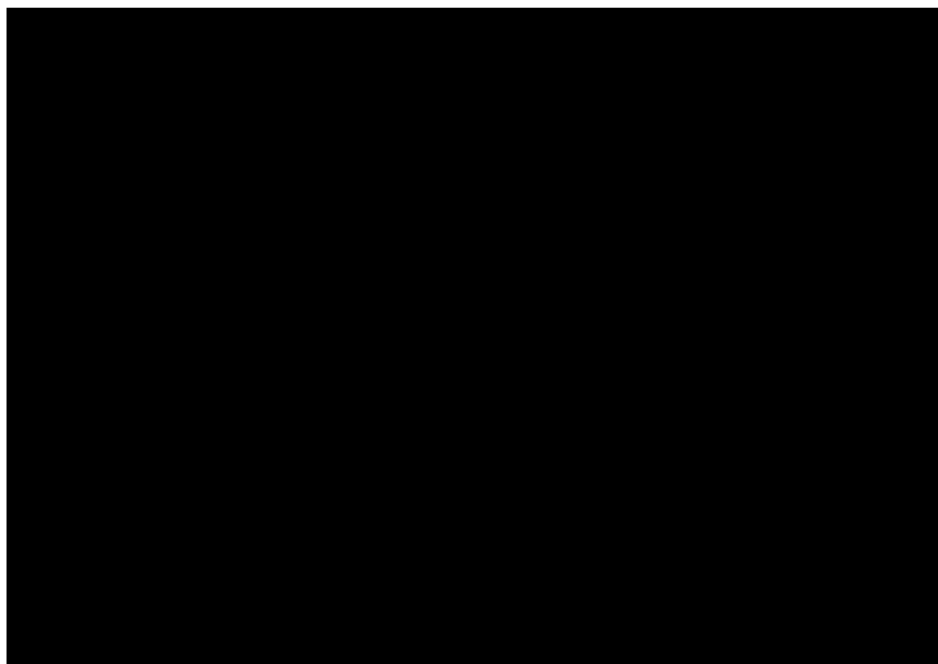
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**Action by****6. Pathologists' Billing**

Some discussion took place in regards to the ability of Pathologists to bill for consults from other Health Boards. Terry indicated that the past practice has been that the Pathologist bill for consults that do not arise from the NCTRF.

Dr. Williams will organize a meeting to discuss this issue.

Dr. Williams

**7.****Next Meeting**