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From: Pritzker, Dr. Kenneth
Sent: December 4, 2005 10:03 AM
To: John, Judith - VP Communications & Marketing
Cc: Banack, Jeannine; Mullen, Dr. Brendan
Subject: MSH on CBC radio news Friday December 2, 7:00 A.M.;

Judith,

I don't know whether you track everything that is said about MSH, but MSH was mentioned on the CBS radio news on Friday morning. I didn't hear the newscast but I was aware that the CBC was interviewing authorities in Newfoundland.

Briefly, a few months ago, Newfoundland found that they had difficulties with their performance of estrogen and progesterone receptor testing to assess breast cancer. They decided to send tissue blocks retrospectively for several years, as well as current blocks to MSH for repeat testing.

MSH was selected because we have an international reputation for quality in this testing area and because we have established referral relationships with Newfoundland.

The amount of work involved is very large and is a great burden for us as we were pushing capacity with our existing work. However, we agreed to take this on as it was important to Newfoundland to have confidence in the repeated results and for MSH, this was a National service to assist patient care.

Naturally, the patients and politicians in Newfoundland are anxious to have these studies completed as soon as possible. We are too, but realistically, this will take a few months until everything is completed. Our peers in Newfoundland understand this well and are appreciative. However, the pressures from the press and public continue.

Ken

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From: Pritzker, Dr. Kenneth
Sent: November 24, 2005 11:55 AM
To: 'Dr. Donald Cook'; Pritzker, Dr. Kenneth
Cc: 'Dr. Robert Williams'
Subject: RE: ER\PR update

Don,

We are now completing validation studies with the batch autostainer equipment.
If there is no hitch, then we start in production mode for ER/PR for Newfoundland on Monday.

Ken

-----Original Message-----

From: Dr. Donald Cook [mailto:Donald.Cook@hccsj.nl.ca]
Sent: November 24, 2005 8:35 AM
To: kpritzker@mtsinai.on.ca
Cc: Dr. Robert Williams
Subject: ER\PR update

Hi Ken,
Dr. Bob Williams our VP for Quality, Diagnostic and Medical Services has asked me if I could contact you for an update on the operational status of your new batch stainer and the reporting of our ER\PR cases. He has asked for this information as he is giving a report to the Board of Directors at Eastern Health.
Regards,
Don Cook