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FROM: Dr. N. Denic,
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DATE: December 7, 2005

RE: **Joint Statement - Newfoundland Association of Pathologists and
Laboratory Directors and Chiefs of Pathology Departments**

Due to the current shortfall of pathologists in Newfoundland and Labrador and significant increase in workload and demand, it is our decision to restrict the daily maximum number of specimens that can be safely reported by each pathologists. The current workload is not sustainable, and continuing to practice under present circumstances would jeopardize the patient care and pathology practice standards.

We do not expect that this decision will have an adverse affect to patient care. However, an increased turnaround time for reporting and providing the pathological diagnoses will be inevitable. The emergency cases will still be treated as priorities.

This restriction will commence on January 1, 2006, and will remain in effect until pathology manpower is restored to normal levels.

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I hope that you will support our decision and efforts in stabilizing pathology service in our Province.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nash Denic".

Nash Denic, MD, MSci, PhD, FRCPC
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