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Fwd: ER/PR Update

Pls set up a meeting and include the Rolf, etc

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>>> "Don MacDonald" <donm@nlchi.nl.ca> 9/5/2007 3:41 PM >>> Hi Robert:

I was speaking to Rolf yesterday and he was hoping to touch base with you today about setting up a meeting to discuss the latest on the ER/PR database. I understand Rolf is without e-mail so I thought it best to give you the latest as of today. We expect to meet our deadline of Friday September 7th for completing a fully functional ER/PR database that provides data on both the results of all ER/PR tests for patients re-tested at Mount Sinai, as well as the communication events around each of these patients. There will still be some minor gaps in the data, for example we are still waiting on some documentation from the regions, and some ER /PR scores need to be documented, but we feel comfortable in saying the database will be 95% complete by this coming Friday (7th). There will be minor edits/updates to the database on a go forward basis as new information becomes available, but the majority of these updates making up the 5% will be completed by Friday September 14th.

As I mentioned to Rolf I think we should meet with your team to have a look at the database to see how it is structure, review the fields, run some basic analysis and then decide how this knowledge can be best transferred to the DHCS. We would also like to discuss some outstanding issues, such as inclusion and exclusion criteria for patients. For example, we have patients who originally tested negative but were never re-tested at Mount Sinai - are this patients to be included in the database? Another issue is what happens to the database if it is provided to Eastern Health so they can interface it with Meditech - who then has authority to make changes to the database? We have concerns that if changes can be made from multiple points, the database will lose its integrity. Another area of discussion we need to have is the capacity of the DHCS to take this database and begin analyzing it to meet your needs. Is there experience in SPSS software and data linkage?

If you feel it would be beneficial we can come up and go over these points, as well as use the LCD to put the database live on the screen so you can see what it looks like and how it works. While we can come up anytime at your convenience, a good time for us would be anytime after

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Monday September 10th - I think 90 minutes would be plenty of time.

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