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Subject: FW: Follow-up to meeting this Morning re NLCHI meeting and ER/PR database

FYI

From: Don MacDonald [mailto:donm@nlchi.nl.ca]
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2007 3:16 PM
To: Bev Griffiths
Cc: Pat Pilgrim
Subject: Follow-up to meeting this Morning

Hi Bev:

Looking for some clarification around the database project. In speaking with Heather following our meeting this morning it was thought the best way to approach the development of this database would be to start from the list of patients who had the ER/PR testing done during the timeframe of interest and work back through the ER/PR test results on Meditech. Heather has already carried out a lot of work in this area from which she determined an estimated 939 patients of interest. One option would be to build on Heather's work and fill in the gaps as they are identified – has the advantage of not duplicating effort and saving time. A second option would have the Centre start from the list provided by Sinai and work backward in creating the master patient list – has the advantage of cross checking previous work to ensure all patients are accounted for in the database. Given what is known today, it may take up to two weeks of work to create this independent list of patients. Which option would you want us to pursue?

Regardless of what master list is used, one staff member at the Centre will need authorization to review clinical records via Meditech, as well as other documents that may be relevant to the development of the database. The Ministry will need to request from Eastern Health approval for this access.

While I only have just started to review what is required of this database, I have gained some insight into its complexities through two meetings with the Ministry and Eastern Health officials. Based on this I would estimate that it could take between 6-10 weeks to develop the database and where possible, fill in any data gaps (e.g., event dates). A more accurate timeframe could be provided once we begin building the database and the scope is fine tuned. As you are aware there are many unknowns at this point and it is possible that many cases will need to be investigated individually. Nevertheless, I thought I should put this estimate on the table as early as this in case expectations were for a much shorter period of time.

Pat – could you send this to Heather – I do not have her e-mail

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