



MEMO

TO: All Laboratory Directors:
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FROM: Dr. Don Cook
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DATE: September 6, 2005

RE: **Estrogen and Progesterone Receptors (ER'S and PR'S)**

I wish to advise you that we are doing a review of our estrogen and progesterone receptors. I expect to have more information within the next few weeks, and will keep you updated. Please note the following points:

- Further to my memo dated June 13, 2005, I am requesting that you forward all ER negative cases on primary breast lesions, independent of PR status, from May, 1997, to March 31, 2004, to Mr. Barry Dyer at the General Hospital Site.
- From January 1, 2001, ER negative is defined as 10% or less. From May, 1997, to December, 2000, ER negative is defined as 30% or less.
- I would ask that you submit the pathology report, original ER and PR slides, including any controls, as well as the H & E slide and paraffin block of the tumour. We will forward these ER negative cases to Mount Sinai for retesting.
- All ER's and PR's performed on the Ventana System from April 1, 2004, to August 9, 2005, will also be referred to Mount Sinai for retesting. You can also forward these cases to Mr. Barry Dyer ,

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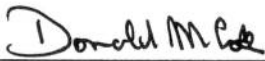
- I would like to emphasize at this particular point in time that you concentrate on the 1999 to 2004 years, followed by the 1997 to 1998 years, and then the April 1, 2004, to August 9, 2005 year.
- We will return all blocks and slides as soon as possible.

The Laboratory Medicine Program for St. John's hospitals is currently undergoing a quality review process. Consequently, please note the following changes:

- There is currently a hold on the reporting of Estrogen Receptors and Progesterone Receptors by all pathologists in the Division of Anatomical Pathology.
- All current requests for Estrogen and Progesterone Receptors are being forwarded to Mount Sinai hospital for immunohistochemical processing, interpretation, and reporting. You may elect to directly refer your Estrogen and Progesterone Receptors to Mount Sinai or to a laboratory of your choice.
- The status of the Ventana System will be determine when we review correlations of the ER and PR results from Mount Sinai and Montreal General Labs. As a precautionary measure, we are awaiting reports from medical and technical consultants before we operationalize the Ventana System.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (709) 777-5482.

Sincerely yours,



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