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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 16, 2005 5:24 PM  
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**Subject:** RE: ER/PR'S

Don,

We have done 200 with 500 to go.

As we were at capacity, we have just received a batch stainer which I'm told can go live next week. Then the pressures will be on us for interpretation. We'll try to get this stuff out as soon as we can.

Had a good chat with Bev earlier in the afternoon.

Cheers,

Ken

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**From:** Dr. Donald Cook [mailto:Donald.Cook@hccsj.nl.ca]  
**Sent:** November 16, 2005 3:32 PM  
**To:** kpritzker@mtsinai.on.ca  
**Subject:** ER/PR'S

Hi Ken,

I would like to thank you and your department for your ongoing efforts in helping us deal with this very difficult situation. We are getting a lot of pressure for faster reporting of the retro cases. In speaking 'to the powers that be' I repeated to them that Mount Sinai is operating at full capacity and that resources are limited. This appears to be the general state of Laboratory Medicine today in Canada and that there very little flexibility in the system, especially when it comes to our Pathology Manpower situation and the shortages we are experiencing. If there is any way Mount Sinai can speed up the reporting, I would certainly appreciate it.

In the meantime, the issue of "National Standards for Immunohistochemistry Testing" will be on the agenda for our next executive meeting of the Canadian Association of Pathologists in late November. There may be a good opportunity to make this a national issue to bring to the Federal Minister of Health along with the need for additional human and financial resources for our Labs, issues surrounding patient safety and national standards for all aspects of Laboratory Medicine. I will keep you posted on any developments.

Many Thanks.

Don Cook