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Subject: ER/PR Update

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

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