



Dear Community Member,

On January 26 and 27, 2012 you are invited to take part in a research project entitled, “Intersecting Knowledge Systems to Collaboratively Create New Perspectives on an Old Issue: A Group Model Building Project on TB in Saskatchewan Métis Communities.”

This study proposes to bring a tool, called system dynamic modeling, to an exploration of health, wellness, illness, and policy pertaining to tuberculosis (TB) within our Saskatchewan Métis communities. A participatory and community grounded method, called Group Model Building (GMB) will be used to collectively build a holistic understanding of the community’s experience with TB. Community members will exchange their perceptions of a problem like TB and together explore such questions as: what exactly is the problem we face? How did the problem originate? What might be its causes? How can the problem be effectively tackled? The outcome is a system diagram (causal loop diagram) that captures the TB experience on one page. The collective approach to building the diagram can support group learning and transform and refine individual ideas about how TB can become a problem, and more importantly, point to previously unconsidered factors preventing change and promoting health.

Your participation will involve:

- A two-day Group Model Building workshop on the community social, economic, political, and cultural influences around tuberculosis, health care promotion and prevention. Day One will be 7.5 hours; Day Two will be 5.5 hours. Food and beverages will be provided. During the workshop we will be creating a causal loop diagram of tuberculosis based on your stories and experiences.
- Evaluation of the effectiveness and usefulness of the Group model building process by concluding with a group evaluation through sharing our stories of the experience.

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**Métis Nation-Saskatchewan
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**Métis Participants Needed for a
Workshop on Tuberculosis**

We are looking for volunteers to take part in a research study focused on
Métis Experiences and Stories about Tuberculosis.

As a participant in this study, you will be asked to take part in a
TWO-DAY workshop to share individual and/or family stories
and experiences with tuberculosis.

Your participation would involve a two-day workshop
January 26, 2012: 8:30 a.m. -4 p.m. (7.5 hours)
January 27, 2012: 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. (5.5 hours)

Beverages and food will be provided.

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or to volunteer for this study, please contact:

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**This study has been reviewed by, and received ethics clearance
through the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan on April 18th, 2011 and the Behavioural Research
Ethics Board at the University of Saskatchewan on November 7, 2011.**