

The Aklavik *H. pylori* Project - Summary 2012  
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From Fall 2011 to Summer 2012, research team members followed up with Aklavik *H. pylori* Project participants in Aklavik, Northwest Territories to assess the onset of new *H. pylori* infections and *H. pylori* re-infections. Participants who were diagnosed with *H. pylori* infection during that period were offered appropriate treatment. Additionally, dissemination activities are being carried out to share microbiology results with Aklavik community members. Research staff, community committee members, and local students are working together to help make microbiology research data more understandable and meaningful for residents of Aklavik.

Since April 2012, 16 new participants have joined the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (ISR) *H. pylori* Project in Tuktoyaktuk, Northwest Territories. Project team members and our team's lead gastroenterologist have made two additional trips to offer medical consultations to project participants and initiate the treatment component of the project. Planning for expansion to other communities in the ISR is underway.

The Fort McPherson *H. pylori* Project in Fort McPherson, Northwest Territories was launched in June 2012. As of September 2012, 179 residents of Fort McPherson have joined the project and completed a urea breath test. Recruitment is still ongoing, and the endoscopy and treatment components of the project are being planned. They are expected to be held in March 2013.