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Tukisiutik Application Expands Its Reach with Launch of Android Version

Kuujuuaq, January 13, 2025 – Following the successful launch of the Tukisiutik mobile application for iOS last fall with a total of 1,4K downloads to this date, the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services is happy to announce the release of the Android version, furthering our commitment to bridging healthcare access gaps for Inuit communities. Alongside this launch, an update to the iOS version is now available, with slight modifications to the navigation to enhance the user experience.

Tukisiutik, a pioneering health tool, is designed to empower Inuit by providing culturally relevant, accessible, and practical health resources tailored to their unique needs. The iOS version has already made a significant impact by delivering vital health information in a user-friendly format and fostering a greater sense of connection to healthcare services. The Android version of the mobile application offers the same range of features offered on the iOS version, designed to improve health-care accessibility and communication for Nunavik Inuktitut speakers alike.

"Our focus has always been on equity and accessibility," said Dr Nathalie Boulanger, Director of Professional Services at the Ungava Tulattavik Health Center. "The launch of Tukisiutik on Android, combined with the updated iOS app, ensures even more Inuit, regardless of their device or location, can benefit from this important tool."

"This initiative is about more than technology—it's about empowering Inuit communities by addressing healthcare barriers and putting forward cultural knowledge. With the Android release and enhanced iOS app, we are taking a meaningful step toward fostering equity in healthcare access."

- Dr Christian Deschênes, Director of Professional Services, Inuulitsivik Health Centre

The expansion to Android significantly broadens the app's reach, enabling even more users to access critical health information and resources. Tukisiutik continues to prioritize the needs of Inuit communities by incorporating features that resonate with their culture and traditions, aiming to reduce barriers and foster healthier communities.

The new iOS update includes improvements to navigation, including a visual response to ensure the proper term has been clicked.

Key Features of the Tukisiutik App:

- **Symptom Index:** Quickly assess and understand common symptoms;
- **Pain Rating Scale:** Easily gauge and communicate pain levels, facilitating better interactions between patients and healthcare professionals;
- **Anatomical Glossary:** Access a comprehensive list of anatomical terms in English, French and Inuktitut, promoting clear communication during medical consultations;
- **Audio Pronunciations:** Hear pronunciations of medical terms in both English and Inuktitut, ensuring clarity and comprehension.

This launch underscores our unwavering dedication to inclusivity and innovation in healthcare delivery for Inuit populations. With the release of the Android version, we reaffirm our commitment to providing accessible solutions that respect and honor Inuit culture while addressing pressing healthcare disparities.

For more information about the Tukisiutik application, please visit our website at <https://nrbhss.ca/en/tukisiutik-application-medical-glossary>

Tukisiutik is now available for free download on both the App Store and Google Play Store.

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About the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services:

The Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services is a public agency created in 1978 under the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement. It is responsible for nearly the entire Quebec territory located north of the 55th parallel in terms of the provision of health and social services for the inhabitants of the 14 communities.

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