

Instructions for calling your MP

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As soon as your date is booked, you need to:

- Advise SCDAC/AAFC and TFC. Contact information are below:
- Prepare for your meeting

Preparing for your meeting is easy.

*Know what sickle cell and Thal. is. Some facts are listed below.**

Arrive at the office 15 minutes before and relax.

Before Leaving the MP's Office,

Ask if your MP will support you and the Bill

Will your MP write a letter to the Minister of Health asking that she adopt PMB C221 as government legislation

Request to put the Bill and the petition in their office for people to sign.

Ask to see the location in the office where the Petition will be posted.

Mention that WHO recognized Sickle Cell Disease as a world health issue and has declared June 19th as world sickle cell day. You need the MP to make June 19th 2013 memorable in Canada.

You need him to support Government adopting it into Legislation.

Understanding Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) and Thalassemia: *

- Sickle cell and Thalassemic disorders are inherited and result in abnormal or inadequate haemoglobin production in affected
 - The life span of persons with severe sickle cell disease can be reduced by as much as 30 years
 - An estimated 5 -25% of Canadians of African, Caribbean, Mediterranean and Asian descent carries the trait gene for sickle cell and thalassemia
 - The management of sickle cell and thalassemic disorders does not uniformly conform to the highest standards in Canada
 - Sickle cell Disease is one of the most common genetic diseases affecting Canadians.
 - Complications include chronic damage to vital organs of the body- such as the liver, kidney, heart etc.
 - It can cause blindness, hearing loss, recurring, excruciating pain, anemia, stroke and respiratory failure
 - Many children in the world die from complications of SCD before receiving diagnosis. Ontario and British Columbia are the only provinces in Canada that have universal newborn screening programs for sickle cell disease
 - Every Canadian deserves the best care & treatment possible
 - Greater public awareness of these diseases and systematic genetic testing could be helpful in control and management of these disorders across Canada
- National strategy for Sickle cell and Thalassemic disorders will save lives.

Note

Possible Argument by MPS: Health is a Provincial responsibility

Possible Volunteer's Response: Health is not necessarily always provincial. This is why we have a Federal Minister of Health and a Canada Health Act.

Call us. We will like to know that you have booked the meeting with your MP

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