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I am again writing regarding the older people in our community, not just in our community elsewhere as well. The elders are passing away very rapidly.

Some Inuit as long as they can still get around do not seem to feel their illness. This seems to be so here in this community anyway.

Many Inuit people have passed away because they are not attended to by medical professionals until it is too late.

The reason why I am writing is to tell you that older people should be checked in the southern medical centres to find out if they have any uncurable diseases even if they do not feel ill.

The nurses that are in the communities do not check for various illnesses so it would be best for people to go out down south to get check-ups even if they do not feel sick and even if they refuse to go. They don't have to go all the time but regularly.

We would like this relayed to the Minister of Health.

Thank you.

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