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***Preliminary Findings in the Morphology of
the Anatomical Field in Maliseet-Passamaquoddy***

Maliseet-Passamaquoddy is the language of people living on the banks of the St. John River in New Brunswick and parts of Maine. This study presents preliminary findings on the morphological characteristics of anatomical terminology in this endangered Algonquian language, focusing on the formation of anatomical terms, changes between the reconstructed Proto-Algonquian and the modern Maliseet-Passamaquoddy and semantic transparency. Data were analyzed primarily from Francis & Leavitt (2008) and further compared with the findings of Pentland (2022). Results indicate that anatomical terminology in Maliseet-Passamaquoddy is fairly innovative, with structures that are relatively transparent. Moreover, preliminary results show abnormal metonymic structures from Proto-Algonquian to Maliseet-Passamaquoddy. This research contributes to a deeper understanding of Maliseet-Passamaquoddy morphology and underscores the importance of linguistic preservation in safeguarding indigenous scientific and cultural knowledge systems.