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### **CAB Mission Statement**

The mission of the community advisory board (CAB) is to assist the Rochester Epidemiology Project (REP) in obtaining access to patient medical records for epidemiologic research and advancement of patient medical care. The CAB assists participating communities in understanding the purpose of REP research efforts through community outreach programs.

### **What is the Rochester Epidemiology Project?**

The Rochester Epidemiology Project (REP) is a collaboration of clinics, hospitals, and other medical facilities in southeastern Minnesota and involves community members who have agreed to share their medical records for research. Using medical record information, medical scientists can discover what causes the diseases, how patients respond to medical and surgical therapies, and what will happen to patients in the future. Research studies conducted in the local community may improve the health of people both locally and globally.