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# **Recruitment stopped April 21, 11:00 EST** Total enrolled: 2088

#### The process:

The Data Safety Monitoring Committee met by teleconference on April 20, 2000 at 15:30 EST to review the data for the second interim analysis. Their recommendation that recruitment into the TBT should be stopped, because the results were clearly in favour of planned Caesarean section, was relayed to Dr Mary Hannah at 17:15 EST that day.

The following morning, April 21, 2000, the TBT Steering Committee met by teleconference at 10:00 EST and accepted the recommendation. The randomisation service was closed at 11:00 EST.

### What happens now:

All data booklets are to be returned to the Data Coordinating Centre in Toronto as quickly as possible (allowing for the 6-week check of newly enrolled mothers and babies) and all queries resolved immediately, so that we can proceed with the final analysis. Follow-up procedures at 3 months and 2 years will continue as usual. A Collaborators' meeting is being planned for the fall so that we may share the final results with you.

Thank you to all our collaborators. It is your hard work and support that have brought us this far. We are counting on your continuing help over the next couple of months as we gather in the last of the data.

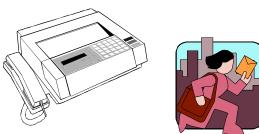
### The return of data booklets and queries:



**DO NOT** use regular mail or airmail.

# Send everything by courier or fax. If possible, respond to queries by email.

To offset the increased costs to the centres of using fax and courier to send us all outstanding data, we



will provide each active recruiting centre with funds equal to \$250 Canadian, if all of their data booklets have reached the Data Coordinating Centre before June 1 and <u>there are no remaining queries</u>. (This date will be extended to June 30, for patients recruited after March 31).

## Meeting plans for 2000

The American Collaborators' meeting planned for April 28 & 29 in Albuquerque, New Mexico was cancelled.

The Collaborators' meeting planned for September 3 in Washington DC, in conjunction with FIGO, has also been cancelled.

We are organising a final Collaborators' meeting to be held in Toronto in the fall for the release of the trial results. More information will be available shortly.

### Mugs this month:

(for centres reaching or passing their annual goal) Atrium, Heerlen, NETHERLANDS (#7);

### Remember...

As soon as your data booklets and query responses are ready, send them to us by courier, fax or email. We are eagerly awaiting them.