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R new!

Total recruitment = 287

49 patients recruited in January.

Centres recruiting their first patient(s) in January: St Joseph's, *Hamilton* CANADA; Northern General, *Sheffield*, UK; Mona Vale, AUSTRALIA; Caroline Chisholm, *Liverpool*, AUSTRALIA; Logan, *Meadowbrook*, AUSTRALIA; NRI of Mother & Child, *Warsaw*, POLAND.

Congratulations!

Centres receiving a mug for achieving their annual goal: Jinnah PMC, *Karachi*, PAKISTAN; Nowrosjee Wadia Maternity, *Mumbai*, INDIA; Riverside, *Ottawa*, CANADA (their third).

We're off!



Please order early



Now that we are well under way, please try to order supplies and data forms far enough in advance that we can send them by mail. Help us to save on courier costs. We have recently had some very positive feedback on our series of site visits last fall. It is certainly encouraging for us to meet so many individuals willing to work together in order to make this trial a success.

A site visit could stimulate or renew enthusiasm among your colleagues. We would like to help. Please contact us so that arrangements can be made for a visit.



Remember to return your forms for the May meeting.

We're looking forward to seeing many of you here in Toronto.



LABOUR AND DELIVERY FORM:

Code numbers of clinicians EXPERIENCED AT VAGINAL BREECH DELIVERY assisting at delivery:

We have recently asked centres to re-assess their clinician lists to ensure that everyone listed is skilled and experienced at vaginal breech delivery (i.e. able to undertake such deliveries unsupervised, or to supervise others). Many of you have returned your lists with changes or

additions and we thank you for your help.

Here is a brief clarification of the assignment of clinician code numbers. Because the code numbers assigned on this list are used to record which skilled and experienced clinician attends each vaginal breech delivery, the number assigned to each physician must be unique throughout the trial (see Labour & Delivery Form, page 4, Q9). Therefore, we cannot reassign code numbers. For example, if a Dr Smith was originally assigned the code number 01 when the trial began, then that is the code number that you enter in the Labour & Delivery Form for all deliveries that Dr Smith attends, and he or she retains this code until the trial is over. If Dr Smith leaves the hospital (or stops doing deliveries, or otherwise is no longer participating in the trial) the code number 01 is no longer used in your centre. It is not reassigned to anyone else, or we would be unable to differentiate between Dr Smith's cases and those of another clinician.

Our mistake:

If you are still completing the old data forms (not NCR), please note that the Labour and Delivery Form, page 3, Q8 asks you to record the date and time at which an epidural was started. It should ask you to record this for an epidural **or spinal**. This error has been corrected in the new forms. Please be sure to record the date and time for either type of procedure.

El Estudio de posición Podálica Final

The Spanish language patient video is now available, and is being sent to all centres



which previously requested it. If you would find a copy useful, please let us know.

Recruitment Tips: from recent collaborators' meetings

Possible Sources of Patients

- target childbirth groups or prenatal classes (Toronto/London/Sydney)
- set up contacts with the offices of local GP's or Family Physicians (Toronto/London/Sydney)
- involve community midwives in the identification and recruitment of eligible patients (London)
- try to change referral patterns to a central clinic (such as ECV) or to a supportive clinician (Toronto/London/Sydney)
- have the trial coordinator meet with women before and after version attempt (Toronto/London/Sydney)
- have the ultrasound department contact the coordinator to speak to the patient (Toronto/Sydney)

• visit the doctors' offices - make friends with the secretaries (Toronto)