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**Total recruited in August: 56
Overall Total: 1566**

Why recommend the Term Breech Trial to eligible women?

If women are eligible for the Term Breech Trial, they are ideal candidates for a trial of labour, anticipating a vaginal birth, most of the time. Many physicians, nurses, and midwives believe that this is the best approach for the delivery of these women and their babies. However, some physicians, nurses, and midwives believe that even for these women, an elective, planned Caesarean section is better. Almost every physician, nurse, and midwife has his/her own view about this, including most, if not all, of the Term Breech Trial Collaborators. For example, we know that in clinical practice, regardless of what approach to delivery is 'on offer', the approach to delivery that a woman will actually receive will depend more on whom she consults and whose opinion she trusts (usually that of her own obstetrician), rather than on any factor specific to the woman or her pregnancy. But which is truly better for the woman and her baby (planned Caesarean or planned vaginal birth)? The fact is that, as a group, we aren't sure which is better. As one of our Term Breech Trial Collaborators said at a recent Collaborators' Meeting in Jerusalem, we need more information. The Term Breech Trial will provide this information.

Mugs this month:

(for centres reaching or passing their annual goal)



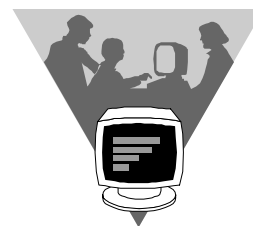
Guelph General, Guelph, CANADA (#4); Atrium, Heerlen, THE NETHERLANDS (#3); Princess Badeea, Irbid, JORDAN (#3); Ramos Mejia, Buenos Aires, ARGENTINA (#3); Edith Wolfson, Holon, ISRAEL (#2); Eva Peron, Rosario, ARGENTINA; Ottawa General, Ottawa, CANADA.

Centres recruiting their first patient:

West Cumberland, White Haven, UK.

LISTSERV

We are planning to set up a computerised discussion group for Term Breech Trial Collaborators. You will be able to access this service through your regular email account and share experiences, ideas, suggestions and questions about the Term Breech Trial with everyone in the group. In this way, we hope to be able to simulate some of the very positive aspects of a Collaborators' meeting, providing everyone with increased stimulation, encouragement and reinforcement. We are aiming to have the list established within the next month or so.



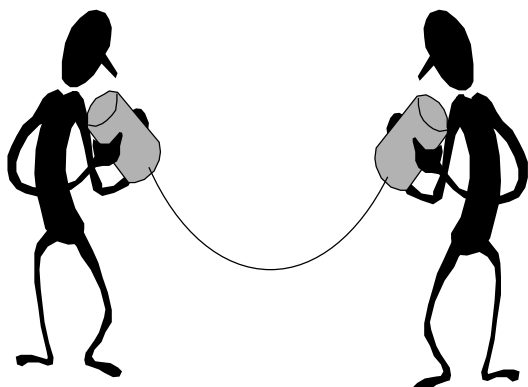
When we begin the LISTSERV, we will include all Collaborators for whom we have a valid email address. **Please be sure that we have yours.** To do this, you can send an email message to sheila.hewson@utoronto.ca (If we already communicate with you regularly by email, you can skip this step.) You will receive an automatic notification when the service begins. We look forward to joining you on-line.

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2 Year Follow-up

We are very excited that so many of our sites are planning to undertake the 2 Year Follow-up. Over the past couple of weeks we have mailed out packages to the collaborators at these centres with descriptive information and samples of the *24 Month Ages & Stages Questionnaire (ASQ)* and the *2 Year Postpartum Questionnaire*. If there are patients who will reach the 2 Year point over the next 4 months, then a supply of blank forms was also included in this mailing. If your package has not arrived, please let us know so that we can get this important information out to you.

To summarise the approach to Follow-up:



Keep in touch with TBT patients

- maintain regular contact with TBT patients so that they can complete the 2 Year questionnaires. (We provide postcards and reminder notices for this purpose.)
- contact the mother at approximately 23 months and mail the questionnaires or arrange an interview. (We provide reminder notices: remember that the *ASQ* must be completed within a 23-25 month period after delivery.)
- when the questionnaires are returned to you, score the *ASQ* and arrange a neurodevelopmental assessment if required. (The *24 Month Infant Neurodevelopment Form* is used only if this assessment is done.)
- mail the completed questionnaires and forms to the Data Coordinating Centre.

TBT Meeting planned:

In Goiânia, Brazil at Congresso Brasileiro de Ginecologia e Obstetrícia, Tuesday, November 23, 1999 a meeting will be held for collaborators in South America. Mary Hannah will attend from the Steering Committee.

And don't forget.....

Interim II – Planning for the second interim analysis



All forms must reach us by November. Please send us your data booklets as soon as they are ready. If you currently have any "overdue" data please send it in now.



Recruitment

Recruiting centres
as of August 31, 1999

Annual Goal	Jan- Dec	Jan- Jun	Jul- Dec	Jan- Mar	Apr- Jun	Jul	Aug	Total
	97	98	98	99	99	99	99	

(shaded area is prior to recruitment)

PAKISTAN	29	13	54	54	32	21	4	4	182
CANADA	151	63	51	26	19	10	5	6	180
UK	154	43	32	29	16	13	3	5	141
ARGENTINA	47	13	26	46	16	16	8	8	133
BRAZIL	49	1	19	42	16	16	4	3	101
INDIA	45	14	18	37	13	9	2	3	96
JORDAN	42	1	10	34	23	14	9	5	96
AUSTRALIA	51	14	36	21	4	11	1	3	90
ISRAEL	106	15	21	25	17	6	2	2	88
CHILE	46	7	3	37	14	16	8	2	87
USA	98	16	11	22	7	7	1	2	66
SOUTH AFRICA	16	12	28	23	2				65
ZIMBABWE	39		1	23	9	4	4	6	47
ROMANIA	9			2	13	17	5	3	40
POLAND	22	1	6	6	6	3	2	2	26
FINLAND	13	15	4	3	1				23
EGYPT	12		4	8	5	1	1	1	20
YUGOSLAVIA	15	5	10	1	1	1			18
PORTUGAL	7			11	1	5			17
SWITZERLAND	9	3	6	5		2			16
THE NETHERLANDS	5			8	4	2		1	15
GERMANY	7	1		5	1	1	1		9
MEXICO	12		3	5					8
NEW ZEALAND	5			1					1
DENMARK No longer recruiting									1
Total	989	237	343	474	220	175	60	56	1566

PAKISTAN									
Jinnah PMC, Karachi	14	6	46	42	19	13	2	4	132
Civil, Karachi	11			12	13	8	1		34
Liaquat National, Karachi	4		6				1		7
Centre(s) no longer recruiting									9

CANADA									
Guelph General	4	8	1	3	3			1	16
St Joseph's, London	11	7	3		3			1	14
St Boniface, Winnipeg	10	4	3		3	1			11
Sunnybrook & Women's, Toronto	8	6	2	1	1				10
Grey Nuns', Edmonton	9		6		1	2		1	10
St Joseph's, Hamilton	8		2	3	3	1			9
Misericordia, Edmonton	9		6	2					8
Ottawa General	7	1		1		1	1	3	7
Foothills, Calgary	12		2	4					6
Kingston General	6		2	3		1			6
BC Women's, Vancouver	19	1	4						5
Scarborough Centenary	7	3	1				1		5
Regina General	9	1	3				1		5
York County, Newmarket	5			2	1		1		4
Royal Victoria, Barrie	4	1	2						3
CUSE (Site Fleurimont), Sherbrooke	8				2	1			3
Royal Alexandra, Edmonton	11			1		1	1		3
Brantford General	4				1				1
Centre(s) no longer recruiting									54

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(shaded area is prior to recruitment)

UK									
Treliske, Truro	11	5	4	12	6	9			36
Liverpool Women's	14	7	3	2	2	2		1	17
Arrowe Park, Wirral	11	6	6	2		1		1	16
Bradford Royal Infirmary	11	7	5	2				1	15
Leeds General Infirmary	11	7	3	2	2				14
Ormskirk General	3		2	4	1				7
Peterborough Maternity Unit	9	3	2	1	1				7
Pilgrim, Boston	5		1	1	3	1			6
Friarage, Northallerton	4	3	2						5
Royal United, Bath	9			2			1	1	4
St John's, Chelmsford	10		3						3
North Staffordshire, Stoke on Trent	15			1	1		1		3
Lewisham	7	1							1
St James's University, Leeds	12	1							1
Northern General, Sheffield	8		1						1
Sunderland Royal	10						1		1
West Cumberland, White Haven	4							1	1
Centre(s) no longer recruiting									3

ARGENTINA									
LC Lagomaggiore, Mendoza	19		18	40	7	10	5	3	83
Maternidad "Martin", Rosario	11	7	7	2	2	3	1		22
Ramos Mejia, Buenos Aires	3		1	4	3			1	9
Prof A Posadas, Buenos Aires	10				4	3	1		8
Eva Peron, Rosario	4						1	4	5
Centre(s) no longer recruiting									6

BRAZIL									
Jundiaí, São Paulo	6		8	15	10	4	1	2	40
ISCMPA, Porto Alegre	13		1	17	3				21
Hosp das Clinicas da UFPE, Recife	10		7	4	1		2	1	15
Materno Infantil, Goiânia	5	1	3	6	2		1		13
IMI Pernambuco, Recife	15					12			12

INDIA									
Christian Medical College, Vellore	14	2	10	14	7	3	2	2	40
Nowrosjee Wadia, Mumbai	13	12	8	12	3	1		1	37
LTMCC & LTMGH, Mumbai	18			11	3	5			19

JORDAN									
Princess Badeea, Irbid	24	1	7	26	14	10	9	5	72
Islamic, Amman	18		3	8	9	4			24

AUSTRALIA									
Caroline Chisholm Centre, Liverpool	7		10	10	1	3			24
King George V, Sydney	12	2	1	5	2	3	1	3	17
Mornington Peninsula, Frankston	5	9	3	4					16
Logan, Meadowbrook	8		10		1	1			12
St George, Sydney	7	2	4	2		1			9
Mona Vale	2		3			2			5
Gosford	7		3						3
Women's & Children's, Adelaide	3	1	1			1			3
Centre(s) no longer recruiting									1

ISRAEL									
Ma'ayney Hayeshua, Bene Beraq	10	8	7	3	1	1			20
Edith Wolfson, Holon	9		1	7	8	1		1	18
Makassed Islamic, Jerusalem	5		9	4	4				17
Bnai-Zion, Haifa	10			5	1	1	2		9
Meir, Kfar Saba	14	5		1	1	1			8
Poriya, Tiberias	5	2	2	2					6
Soroka, Beer Sheba	25		2	1	1				4
Chaim Sheba, Tel Hashomer	18			2	1	1			4
Hadassah Ein Karem, Jerusalem	10					1		1	2

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as of August 31, 1999

Annual Goal	Jan-Dec 97	Jan-Jun 98	Jul-Dec 98	Jan-Mar 99	Apr-Jun 99	Jul 99	Aug 99	Total
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CHILE									
Sótero del Río, Puente Alto	37			34	12	15	8	2	71
Universidad Catolica, Santiago	9	7	3	3	2	1			16
USA									
Univ New Mexico, Albuquerque	10	6	1	2	1	1	1	1	13
Univ Utah, Salt Lake City	6	5	2	3					10
Baylor College of Medicine, Houston	12		1	2	1	2		1	7
Boston Medical Center	5		1	2	2				5
Maricopa, Phoenix	8			3	1				4
Univ Iowa, Iowa City	4		3			1			4
Hutzel, Detroit	16			2		2			4
Univ Michigan, Ann Arbor	8			3					3
Oregon Health Sci Univ, Portland	6			2					2
Univ Mississippi, Jackson	9			1	1				2
Univ Maryland, Baltimore	4	1			1				2
Harbor, Baltimore	4			1					1
Jefferson Med Coll, Philadelphia	6					1			1
Centre(s) no longer recruiting									8
SOUTH AFRICA									
Coronation, Johannesburg	16	12	5	2	2				21
Centre(s) no longer recruiting									44
ZIMBABWE									
Harare Maternity	39		1	23	9	4	4	6	47
ROMANIA									
IOMC-Polizu, Bucharest	9			2	13	17	5	3	40
POLAND									
NRI of Mother & Child, Warsaw	6		4	2	2	2	1		11
Polish Mothers Memorial, Lodz	11			3	3			2	8
University of Gdansk	5	1	2	1	1	1	1		7
FINLAND									
Central University, Helsinki	13	15	4	3	1				23
EGYPT									
Assiut University	12		4	8	5	1	1	1	20
YUGOSLAVIA									
Novi Sad	15	5	10	1	1	1			18
PORTUGAL									
Distrital, Faro	7			11	1	5			17
SWITZERLAND									
Hôpitaux Universitaires, Geneva	7	3	4	4		2			13
Regionalspital, Biel	2		2	1					3
THE NETHERLANDS									
Atrium, Heerlen	5			8	4	2		1	15
GERMANY									
Ludwig Maximilians, Munich	4			5	1	1	1		8
University, Bonn	3	1							1
MEXICO									
Dr M G Gonzalez, Mexico DF	12		3	5					8
NEW ZEALAND									
Queen Mary Maternity, Dunedin	5			1					1
DENMARK									
No Longer Recruiting									1

August 31, 1999, centres awaiting first patient: Centre, city, COUNTRY, (annual goal) [month/year start-up package sent]

Charite, Virchow Klinikum, Berlin, GERMANY (9) [3/99]; Slaska Akademia Medyczna, Bytom, POLAND (4) [3/99]; Diana Princess of Wales, Grimsby, UK (6) [1/99]; Countess of Chester, Chester, UK (10) [7/98]; Hosp Parroquial de San Bernardo, Santiago, CHILE (9) [6/98]; Royal University, Saskatoon, CANADA (11) [4/98].