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Women recruited in December: 56 Total to date: 1829

On the arrival of this new year, we send our very warmest wishes to you all for peace and joy.



Mugs this month:

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(for centres reaching or passing their annual goal)

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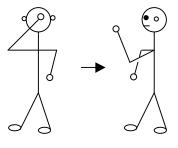
You have asked us about ...

Nuchal Arms

If you suspect nuchal arms:

Rotate the baby's trunk in the direction the baby's fist is pointing, that is towards the extended or nuchal arm. This tends to push the arm from behind the neck and rotate it down in front of the chest. If the baby has bilateral nuchal arms, this manoeuvre will need to be repeated by rotating the baby's trunk, as well, in the opposite direction.

Something like this:



Left nuchal arm Rotate trunk so that the left side becomes anterior

Brazil Collaborators' Meeting

On November 12, 1999, Term Breech Trial collaborators attending the 48th Congresso Brasileiro de Ginecologia e Obstetricia in Goiania, Brazil had an opportunity to meet to exchange recruitment strategies and renew their commitment to the Term Breech Trial. Mary Hannah presented an update on the study's progress and encouraged everyone to maintain enthusiasm for the trial to be able to complete recruitment by December 2000. Most of the discussions took place in Portuguese, with Luiza Schmaltz providing some translation into English from time to time, for Mary's benefit. The following centres were represented at the meeting: Materno Infantil, Goiania (Luiza Schmaltz, Goianice Ribeiro de Souza), IMIP, Recife (Luis Carlos Santos), ISCMPA, Porto Alegre (Antonio Ayub), Faculdade de Medicina da PUC, Porto Alegre (Simone Pupe). Luiza Schmaltz presented a summary of her approach to recruitment at the Materno Infantil. Mary also presented the Term Breech Trial to a plenary session of the Congress and representatives from several other centres in Brazil indicated their interest in joining the Term Breech Trial.

Canadian Coordinators Meeting

A meeting of the centre personnel who are most closely involved with *recruitment at each Canadian site is planned* for February 11 & 12 in Toronto. We look forward to meeting many of our Canadian colleagues at that time, for discussion of *recruitment techniques* and problems. We hope to rekindle enthusiasm for the last leg of the trial.

Interim II – Planning for the second interim analysis



Most of the data booklets for patients recruited on or before September 14, 1999 have now arrived at the Data Coordinating Centre (DCC). Thank you for your help.

For those few centres that still have outstanding booklets or queries, <u>please make it a priority to send them</u> to us. Use email, fax or courier to ensure speedy arrival.

