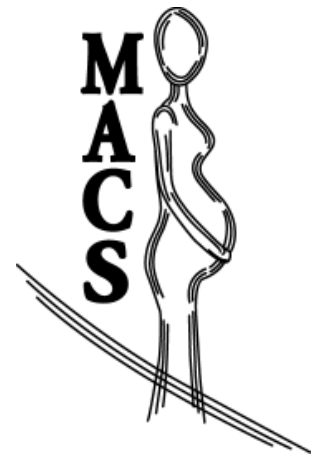


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**Overall Total: 37**  
**Total this month: 10**

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## Planned MACS Meetings

### Tel Aviv

A meeting has been arranged for MACS collaborators in Israel, to be held following the national obstetrical society meeting in Tel Aviv on November 2, 2001.

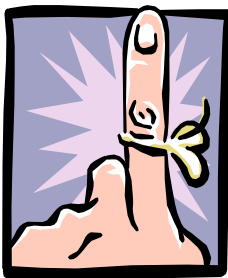
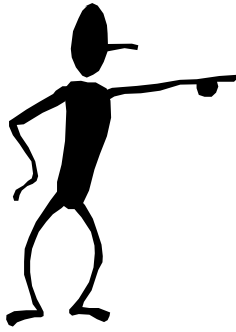
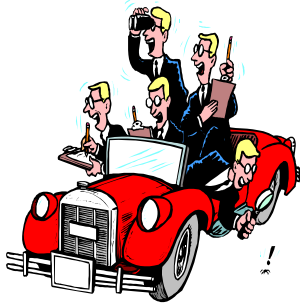
Kellie Murphy and Sheila Hewson will attend. Details have been sent to the investigators and coordinators at active and interested centres in Israel.



### Toronto

A full collaborators' meeting will be held in Toronto in April 2002.

More information coming soon.



## Data Form Notes:

When marking the response(s) to a series of yes/no questions, please be sure to mark the "no" circles rather than leaving both circles blank. If you don't mark anything we must assume that you forgot to answer the question, so we will return the booklet to you with a query. To avoid this, please mark each item.

For example, to indicate that a patient has received tocolytics, specifically MgSO<sub>4</sub> and a calcium channel blocker, reply like this:

### Tocolytics given?

- |                          |                                                       |                                     |                                      |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> no | <input checked="" type="radio"/> yes → if yes, which? |                                     |                                      |
|                          | betamimetics                                          | <input checked="" type="radio"/> no | <input type="radio"/> yes            |
|                          | MgSO <sub>4</sub>                                     | <input type="radio"/> no            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> yes |
|                          | indomethacin                                          | <input checked="" type="radio"/> no | <input type="radio"/> yes            |
|                          | nitroglycerine                                        | <input checked="" type="radio"/> no | <input type="radio"/> yes            |
|                          | calcium channel blocker                               | <input type="radio"/> no            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> yes |
|                          | other                                                 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> no | <input type="radio"/> yes            |



do not leave these blank, if the answer is "no"!

## A gentle reminder:

The question is raised from time to time about "withdrawing" or "excluding" patients after they have been randomised. It is important for all our collaborators to understand that this is never done. Everyone who is randomised remains a part of the trial.

Once a woman is enrolled, all data for her and her infant(s) are assigned to her group of allocation. Therefore it is very important that all potential recruits understand that agreeing to participate means accepting the assigned treatment. If a woman decides after randomisation that she does not want to have the study treatment, we still need to collect all information and complete the data booklets. There is no circumstance under which an enrolled patient is dropped from the database.



# Recruitment

as of August 31, 2001

Annual Goal	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
	01	01	01	01	01	01	

## COUNTRY

(shaded area is prior to start-up)

<b>CANADA</b>	84	1	1	5	2	3		12
<b>ISRAEL</b>	93	3		2	1	4		10
<b>USA</b>	22	2	1	4				7
<b>DENMARK</b>	15	5				1		6
<b>SWITZERLAND</b>	5					2		2
<b>Total</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>		<b>37</b>

## CENTRES BY COUNTRY

(shaded area is prior to start-up)

<b>CANADA</b>								
Children's & Women's, Vancouver	24		1	2		2		5
Mount Sinai, Toronto	23			2		1		3
Royal University, Saskatoon	13	1			1			2
CHUS (Fleurimont), Sherbrooke	10			1				1
Royal Alexandra, Edmonton	14				1			1

<b>ISRAEL</b>								
Ma'ayney Hayeshua, Bnei Brak	16	3		1				4
Rabin, Petach Tikva	26			1		2		3
Bnai Zion, Haifa	13				1	1		2
Soroka, Beer Sheva	38					1		1

<b>USA</b>								
Montefiore, Bronx	13	1	1	4				6
Albany Medical Center, Albany	9	1						1

<b>DENMARK</b>								
Aarhus University, Aarhus	15	5				1		6

<b>SWITZERLAND</b>								
CHU Vaudois, Lausanne	5					2		2

Centres awaiting first patient: [COUNTRY: Hospital, City (annual goal)]

**CANADA:** Regina General, Regina (10). **ISRAEL:** Poriya Government, Tiberias (7); Meir, Kfar-Saba (18); Haemek, Afula (13). **USA:** Maricopa, Phoenix (11). **THE NETHERLANDS:** Atrium, Heerlen (6).