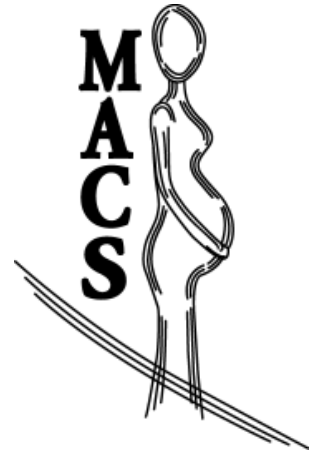


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***We have received
local ethics approval
from our first site!***

**Aarhus University
Hospital in Denmark.**

**Congratulations to Lone
Hvidman and Anne
Mouritsen.**

***Our very warmest
wishes to you all
for a safe, happy,
and peaceful
New Year.***

First MACS Collaborators' Meeting

We were delighted by the attendance of so many interested collaborators at the recent MACS meeting, held November 17-18 in Toronto.

It was a time to meet new people and renew old acquaintances, while focusing on many issues that may arise as we begin the trial.

Everyone's enthusiasm and support was very evident. We came away from the meeting with some excellent ideas to help make the study more workable, and the feedback from attendees indicates that many gained a stronger working knowledge of the protocol.

The names of the participants are included on the other side of this page.

Start-up planned for early in 2001

Although a specific date has not yet been set, we plan to begin recruitment as soon as possible. We are currently awaiting final approvals from Health Canada and the FDA.

Collaborators in other countries will need to ensure that they have the necessary government approvals as well.

Also, please work with your IRB/Ethics Committee to get the local approval and send us the documentation.



These people attended the recent Collaborators' Meeting:

CANADA: *Edmonton*, **Royal Alexandra**, Dr Nestor N Demianczuk, *Halifax*, **IWK Grace**, Dr Michael Vincer, *Montréal*, **Ste-Justine**, Dr Robert Gauthier, *Regina*, **Regina General**, Dr Donald Reid, *Saskatoon*, **Royal University**, Dr Femi Olatunbosun, *Toronto*, **Mount Sinai**, Dr Kellie Murphy, Ms Mary Ellen Salenieks, **Sunnybrook & Women's College**, Dr Kofi Amankwah, *Vancouver*, **BC Women's**, Dr Marie-France Delisle, *Winnipeg*, **St Boniface General**, Ms Doris Kenny-Lodewyks;

DENMARK: *Aarhus N*, **Aarhus University**, Ms Anne Mouritsen;

ISRAEL: *Afula*, **Haemek**, Dr Zohar Nachum, *Beer Sheva*, **Soroka**, Dr Mordechai Hallak, *Bnei Brak*, **Ma'ayne-Hayeshua**, Dr Linda Harel, Ms Sima Siev, *Haifa*, **Bnai Zion**, Dr Ichel Samberg, *Kfar-Saba*, **Meir**, Dr Doron JD Rosen, *Petah-Tikva*, **Rabin**, Dr Tamar Perri, *Tiberias*, **Poriya**, Dr Michael Goldinfeld;

NETHERLANDS: *Heerlen*, **Atrium**, Dr Gena H Stevens;

SWITZERLAND: *Lausanne*, **Lausanne University**, Dr Edmond Prince-dit-Clottu;

USA: *Albany*, **Albany Medical Center**, Ms Cathryn Valentini,

Albuquerque, **University New Mexico**, Dr Franklyn C

Christensen, *Ann Arbor*, **University of Michigan**, Dr Allen W

Ayres, *Bronx*, **Albert Einstein COM**, Dr Michael Bebbington,

Jacobi, Dr Paul Bobby, *Brooklyn*, **Maimonides**, Dr Traci

Burgess, *Iowa City*, **University of Iowa**, Dr Jerome Yankowitz,

Phoenix, **Maricopa**, Dr Mike Koszalka, *Des Moines*, **Des**

Moines Perinatal Center, Dr David Peleg;

STEERING COMMITTEE: Dr Kellie E Murphy, Dr Fariba

Aghajafari, Dr Kofi Amankwah, Dr Amiram Gafni, Dr Mary E

Hannah, Ms Sheila A Hewson, Dr Edmond N Kelly, Ms Binu

Lamba Dhindsa, Dr Steven Matthews, Dr Saroj Saigal, Dr

Andrew R Willan;

DATA COORDINATING CENTRE: Ms Tanya Webb, Ms

Vanessa Speers.



And announcing...

Kellie Murphy gave birth to a baby girl, 7 lbs 15 oz, on December 18. Mother and baby are both well.