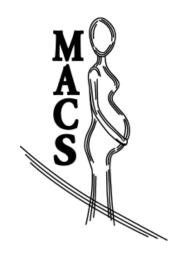
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Overall Total: 69

Total this month: 8

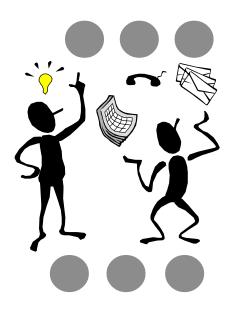
Happy New Year and Best Wishes for 2002!

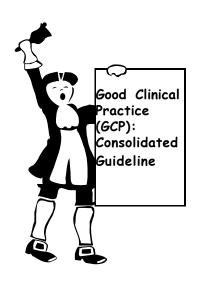
We are looking forward to seeing many of you later this month at the Society for Maternal Fetal Medicine meeting, January 14-19 in New Orleans.

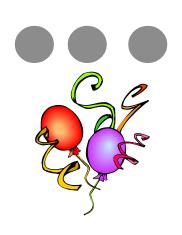
Please join us for the MACS and NIH wine and cheese reception on Thursday, January 17, 7-8:30 pm in the Rosedown Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> level, New Orleans Hilton Riverside.



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#### Recruitment:

We know that you are all doing your best to recruit patients into MACS. Thank you for all of your hard work! We hope to boost recruitment in the upcoming months. If you have any ideas as to what works well with recruiting at your centre please let us know. We are interested to hear your experiences thus far!

## Good Clinical Practice (GCP): Consolidated Guideline:

GCP was designed to provide a standard for conducting clinical trials by the ICH (International Conference on Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Registration of Pharmaceuticals for Human Use). This international guideline has been adopted by the Therapeutic Products Directorate of Health Canada to ensure that study protocols are prepared according to international standards and that the roles and responsibilities of the investigator and collaborators are clearly defined and followed. As the MACS study is run in compliance with GCP we will be addressing several points over the next few newsletters.

For example, one of the issues addressed by GCP regards the maintenance of reports and records at each participating centre. It is important for coordinators to have a secure and locked space for MACS forms and data booklets to prevent damage or loss of any of the documents.

If you are interested in reading more about GCP please refer to www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hpb-dgps/therapeut

### Welcome!

We are happy to welcome Sunnybrook and Women's College Hospital in Toronto and IWK Health Centre in Halifax to MACS!



## Recruitment

(Projected sample size of 1900 by July 2004)

Jul -Apr -Annual Jun Sept Oct Nov Dec Grand as of December 31, 2001 Goal 01 01 01 01 01 Total

#### **COUNTRY**

CANADA	84	7	12	3	4	3	29
ISRAEL	93	5	7	2	2	4	20
DENMARK	15	5	2		1	1	9
USA	22	7		1			8
SWITZERLAND	5		2	1			3
Total	219	24	23	7	7	8	69

#### **CENTRES BY COUNTRY**

CANADA							
Mount Sinai, Toronto	23	2	3		3	1	9
Royal University, Saskatoon	13	1	5	2			8
Children's & Women's, Vancouver	24	3	2	1	1		7
CHUS (Fleurimont), Sherbrooke	10	1	1			1	3
Royal Alexandra, Edmonton	14		1			1	2

ISRAEL							
Rabin, Petach Tikva	26	1	4	1	1	2	9
Ma'ayney Hayeshua, Bnei Brak	16	4		1	1	1	7
Bnai Zion, Haifa	13		2			1	3
Soroka, Beer Sheva	38		1				1

DENMARK						
Aarhus University, Aarhus	15	5	2	1	1	9

USA					
Montefiore, Bronx	13	6	1		7
Albany Medical Center, Albany	9	1			1

SWITZERLAND					
CHU Vaudois, Lausanne	5	2	1		3

Centres awaiting first patient: [COUNTRY: Hospital, City (annual goal)] [month/year start-up package sent]

CANADA: Regina General, *Regina* (10) [07/01]; St Boniface General, *Winnipeg* (13) [11/01]; IWK Health Centre, *Halifax* (16) [12/01]; Sunnybrook & Women's College, *Toronto* (12) [12/01]. **ISRAEL**: Poriya Government, *Tiberias* (7) [05/01]; Meir, *Kfar-Saba* (18) [06/01]; Haemek, *Afula* (13) [07/01]. **USA**: Maricopa, *Phoenix* (11)[04/01]; University of New Mexico, *Albuquerque* (12)[10/01]. **THE NETHERLANDS**: Atrium, *Heerlen* (6) [07/01].