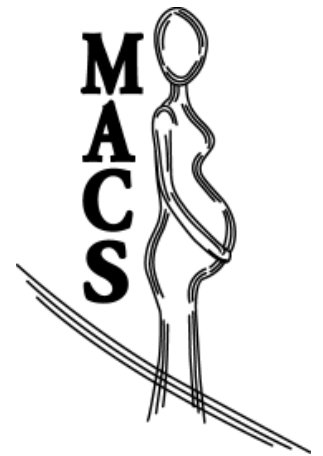


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Overall Total: 83

Total this month: 5

March is MACS Mug Month!

For every recruited patient in March each centre will receive a MACS mug at the end of the month!

This is a new promotional item that we would like to introduce to you throughout March and hope you enjoy.

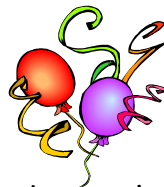
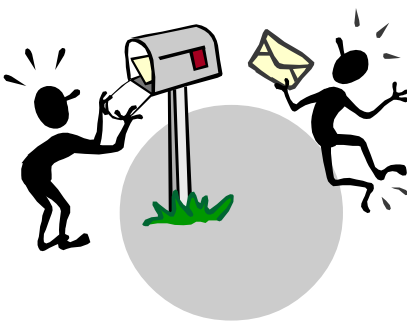
After this month we will be sending a mug to each centre for every 5 patients recruited.

Arriving shortly!

We are in the process of sending out packages to each centre containing the new NCR data booklets and an updated MACS protocol. We have also included some MACS buttons that you can wear at your centres to help promote MACS to your patients and group.

Welcome!

We are delighted to welcome the University of Debrecen in Hungary to MACS! Congratulations on your speedy first recruit - two days after receiving the start-up package!





MACS Collaborators' Meeting, Toronto, (April 26-28, 2002)

The plans are well underway for the upcoming meeting. We are looking forward to seeing many of you there! On the Friday afternoon we will meet with the centre coordinators at MIRU to discuss some of the nuts and bolts of the study regarding data collection and management. There will also be a tour of the Data Coordinating Centre as well as Mount Sinai Hospital for those who are interested. That evening we look forward to seeing both coordinators and investigators at the reception at the Delta Chelsea Hotel.



The main meeting will take place on Saturday and on Sunday morning and will be a great opportunity for collaborators to meet and share ideas about MACS. Shortly we will send out a confirmation of attendance for those of you who will be attending. If you think you are interested in attending and have missed the March 1 RSVP deadline please get in touch with Kate as soon as possible and we will do our best to accommodate you. We would really like to see as many of you there as possible!



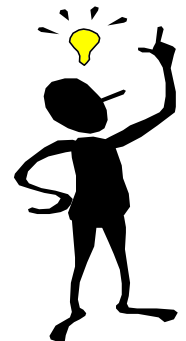
Recruitment:

If there is anything we can do to help keep MACS moving at your centre please let us know. For example, if you have colleagues at your centre that you think would like to receive the MACS newsletter please send us their address and we will be happy to add them to our mailing list. It might help in getting the support you need from colleagues to recruit women into the study. We can also send you extra newsletters and posters to post on bulletin boards at your centre.



An idea for Spring recruitment:

If every centre recruited one patient in March we would have 25 recruits! A new high! Let's give it a try!





Recruitment

(Projected sample size of 1900 by July 2004)

as of February 28, 2002

Annual Goal	Apr - Sept	Oct - Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Grand Total
	01	01	02	02	02	

COUNTRY

CANADA	84	19	10	3	2		34
ISRAEL	106	12	8	5	1		26
DENMARK	15	7	2	1	1		11
USA	13	7	1				8
SWITZERLAND	5	2	1				3
HUNGARY	9				1		1
Total	232	47	22	9	5		83

CENTRES BY COUNTRY

(shaded area is prior to start-up)

CANADA							
Mount Sinai, Toronto	23	5	4		1		10
Royal University, Saskatoon	13	6	2	1			9
Children's & Women's, Vancouver	24	5	2				7
CHUS (Fleurimont), Sherbrooke	10	2	1	2	1		6
Royal Alexandra, Edmonton	14	1	1				2

ISRAEL							
Rabin, Petach Tikva	26	5	4				9
Ma'ayne Hayeshua, Bnei Brak	16	4	3	1			8
Bnai Zion, Haifa	13	2	1				3
Soroka, Beer Sheva	38	1		1			2
Haemek, Afula	13			3	1		4

DENMARK							
Aarhus University, Aarhus	15	7	2	1	1		11

USA							
Montefiore, Bronx	13	6	1				7

SWITZERLAND							
CHU Vaudois, Lausanne	5	2	1				3

HUNGARY							
University of Debrecen, Debrecen	9				1		1

CENTRES NO LONGER RECRUITING

USA							
Albany Medical Center, Albany	9	1					1

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]. **USA:** Maricopa, *Phoenix* (11)[04/01]; University of New Mexico, *Albuquerque* (12)[10/01]; Bethesda, *Cincinnati* (13) [01/02]; Good Samaritan, *Cincinnati* (18) [01/02]. **THE NETHERLANDS:** Atrium, *Heerlen* (6) [07/01].