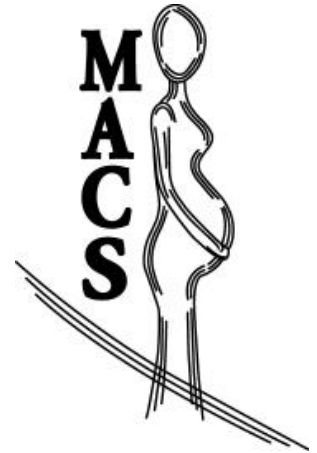


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***We have received  
local ethics approval  
from a second site!  
Rabin Medical Center  
Petach Tikva, Israel.***

**Congratulations to  
Tamar Perri.**

**Recruitment will  
soon become our  
No 1 priority. Do  
join us as soon  
as you can!**

## Recruitment to begin February 15!

We will be arranging to send trial supplies next week (data forms, study drugs etc.) to the centres that have sent us their ethics/IRB approvals, so that they can begin enrolling patients on or after February 15, 2001.

### Update on regulatory approvals:

We have received regulatory approval from the Food & Drug Administration in the USA, and expect to get similar approval from Health Canada within the next two weeks.

Collaborators in other countries are reminded that they must comply with their own national governmental regulations as well. We are happy to provide any background information to assist with this.

### Local Ethics/IRB approvals:

We have heard from many centres that they are in the midst of this process. If you haven't yet begun, please start soon so that your centre can become an active participant in the trial.



## Getting ready for trial participation:



### Meet with colleagues

- to confirm their interest
- to assess your centre's ability to recruit and to track patients for the 2 year follow-up

### Prepare Ethics/IRB submission

- contact the Data Coordinating Centre (DCC) if you need information or documentation



### Plan for study drug storage and dispensing

### Complete and return

#### Investigator Agreement to DCC

- provide full contact information for everyone involved in the trial: communication is vital to our success



### Return ethics approval to DCC

### When your study start-up package arrives

- review the study manual
- make a practice randomisation call (instructions are in the manual)
- contact the DCC with any questions
- begin screening patients
- assess for eligibility
- **recruit!**

