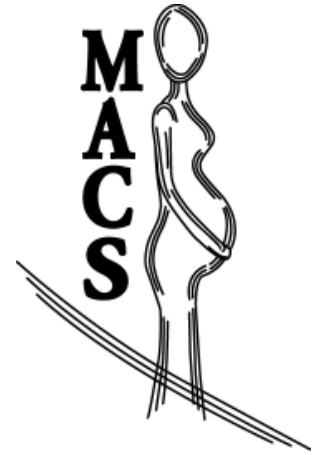


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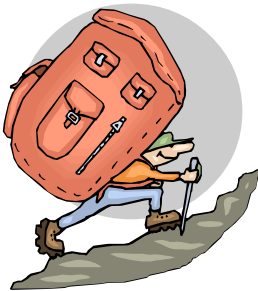
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## Overall Total: 347

## Total this month: 24

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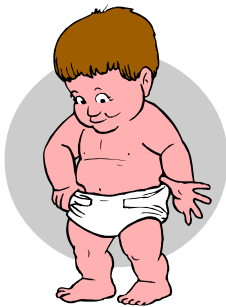
Let's leave the depths of winter behind us and surge to new heights in recruitment in February! If everyone recruited one patient a month, we would have 36 patients!

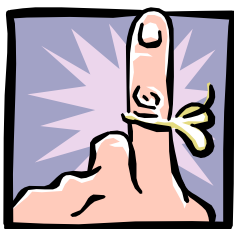
### **SOCIETY FOR PEDIATRIC RESEARCH MEETING**

A note to our pediatric colleagues: We are planning a MACS get together at the SPR meeting in Seattle this May. Look for more information to come.

### **MACS 2 YEAR FOLLOW-UP**

The first MACS babies are due for follow-up at the end of January! MACS would like to introduce Dr. Ed Kelly as the neonatologist who will be leading the 2 year follow-up. If you have any concerns or questions regarding the 2 year follow-up please contact Ed ([ekelly@mtsinai.on.ca](mailto:ekelly@mtsinai.on.ca)). As always, you can also contact the MACS team at [macs@sw.ca](mailto:macs@sw.ca)





### Mugs This Month

MACS mugs are on their way to the following, who have recruited 5 more women into the study:

**Research Institute at PMMH** (Lodz, Poland), **Rabin** (Petach Tikva, Israel), **Edith Wolfson** (Holon, Israel), **Universidad Catolica** (Santiago, Chile), **Montefiore** (Bronx, USA)

### RECRUITMENT:

At times recruitment into clinical trials can be difficult, however in talking with our centres, we have learned a few steps that may help make recruiting into MACS easier.

- ❄️ Women need to be aware of the study (posters and patient brochures around clinics and offices)
- ❄️ Approach all potentially eligible women for the study
- ❄️ Offer the patient brochure to mother and family to read over at home
- ❄️ Invite her partner to ask questions so they both have a firm understanding of the study
- ❄️ Once the woman has agreed to participate, have her consent. The language of consent forms can sometimes be intimidating and therefore it may be helpful to go through it together and answer any questions that may arise

If you have any recruitment strategies that work for you and would like to share them with the MACS Collaborative team, please feel free to email your suggestions to [macs@sw.ca](mailto:macs@sw.ca) and we will print them in future newsletters!

### This Month's Reminder:

#### ***Making changes to MACS dataforms***

We appreciate all of your hard work that goes into obtaining information and recording it into the dataforms. If you have made a mistake and need to correct it, please remember to make an X through the incorrect information, noting the correct data beside or below the X. Please then remember to initial and date your change.

# Recruitment

(Projected sample size of 1900 by July 2004)



as of January 31, 2003

Annual Goal	Apr - Dec 01	Jan - Jun 02	Jul-Sept 02	Oct 02	Nov 02	Dec 02	Jan 03	Grand Total
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## COUNTRY

<b>CANADA</b>	135	29	31	17	10	5	4	1	97
<b>POLAND</b>	37		4	24	20	13	9	7	77
<b>ISRAEL</b>	143	20	22	9	4	7	8	6	76
<b>DENMARK</b>	15	9	7	4		1	1	1	23
<b>CHILE</b>	35			7	5	4	4	3	23
<b>USA</b>	44	8	3	3	1		2	4	21
<b>HUNGARY</b>	9		7	6	1	2	1		17
<b>SWITZERLAND</b>	10	3	4				2		9
<b>GERMANY</b>	15					2		1	3
<b>THE NETHERLANDS</b>	11							1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>347</b>

## CENTRES BY COUNTRY

(shaded area is prior to start-up)

<b>CANADA</b>									
Mount Sinai, Toronto	23	9	8	4	5			1	27
Royal University, Saskatoon	13	8	6				3		17
CHUS (Fleurimont), Sherbrooke	10	3	6	1	2				12
Children's & Women's, Vancouver	24	7	2	2		1			12
Royal Alexandra, Edmonton	14	2	3	4	1			1	11
St Boniface General, Winnipeg	13		2	3					5
Regina General, Regina	10		1	3	1				5
IWK Health Centre, Halifax	16		3		1	1			5
Sunnybrook & Women's, Toronto	12					3			3

<b>POLAND</b>									
Univ School of Medicine, Poznan	18			8	11	9	7	3	38
Research Inst at PMMH, Lodz	14			11	6	4		4	25
Med University of Gdansk, Gdansk	5		4	5	3		2		14

<b>ISRAEL</b>									
Rabin, Petach Tikva	26	9	5	3			2	2	21
Soroka, Beer Sheva	38	1	5	3	4				13
Haemek, Afula	13		6	2		1	1	1	11
Edith Wolfson, Holon	12					4	4	3	11
Ma'aynev Hayeshua, Bnei Brak	16	7	1						8
Bnai Zion, Haifa	13	3	3						6
Poriya Government, Tiberias	7		1			2			3
Meir, Kfar-Saba	18		1	1			1		3



# Recruitment

(Projected sample size of 1900 by July 2004)

Annual Goal	Apr - Dec	Jan - Jun	Jul-Sept	Oct-	Nov	Dec	Jan	Grand Total
	01	02	02	02	02	02	03	

<b>DENMARK</b>									
Aarhus University, Aarhus	15	9	7	4		1	1	1	23

<b>CHILE</b>									
Sotero del Rio, Puente Alto	26			4	5	4	3	2	18
Universidad Católica, Santiago	9			3			1	1	5

<b>USA</b>									
Montefiore, Bronx	13	7	2	1	1		2	2	15
Bethesda, Cincinnati	13		1	1				1	3
Good Samaritan, Cincinnati	18			1				1	2
Albany (No longer recruiting)	—	1							1

<b>HUNGARY</b>									
University of Debrecen, Debrecen	9		7	6	1	2	1		17

<b>SWITZERLAND</b>									
CHU Vaudois, Lausanne	5	3	3				1		7
Univ Women's Hospital, Basel	5		1				1		2

<b>GERMANY</b>									
Klinikum Nurnburg Sud, Nurnburg	15					2		1	3

<b>THE NETHERLANDS</b>									
Atrium, Heerlen	6							1	1

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

**USA:** Maricopa, *Phoenix* (11) [04/01]; University of New Mexico, *Albuquerque* (12) [10/01]; Medical University of South Carolina, *Charleston* (7) [06/02]; Baystate Medical Center, *Springfield* (16) [10/02]. **THE NETHERLANDS:** Academisch Ziekenhuis, *Maastricht* (5) [06/02].



## Keep up the Good Work!

Quote of the Month :

"A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."

- Chinese Proverb