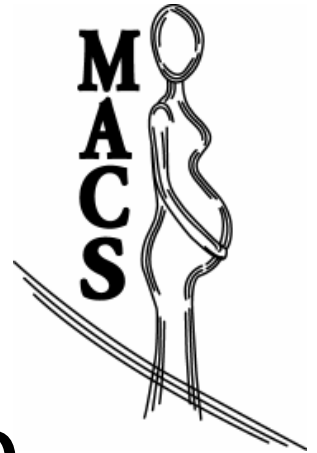


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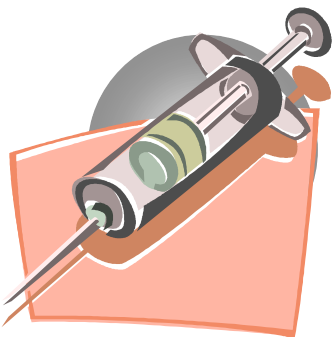
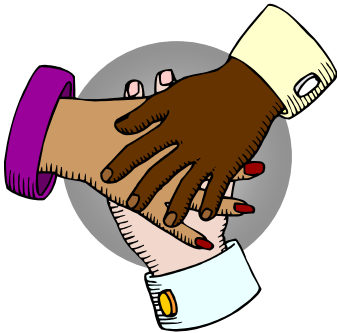
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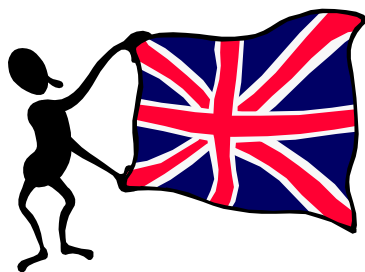
We wish to extend our warmest MACS welcome to 4 new centres that have joined our team of collaborating centres:

- ◆ Technical University of Munchen (*Munchen, Germany*)
- ◆ St. Hedwig Hospital (*Regensburg, Germany*)
- ◆ Sheba Medical Centre (*Ramat-Gan, Israel*)
- ◆ Hospital Clinic (*Barcelona, Spain*)

STUDY DRUG INFORMATION

As many of you will know, earlier this month we learned that there was a drug recall on a shipment of betamethasone that had been sent to some of our collaborating centres. The manufacturer of the drug has told us that the recall was due to a production problem and that there was no health risk. To date, there have been no adverse events reported in relation to this drug recall. Centres involved in the recall have been asked to return the affected cartons to our distributor and we are working hard to arrange for new supplies of study drug in order to continue recruitment. We expect the situation to be resolved in early August. *Our thanks to all of the involved centres for their patience and understanding.*





MACS COLLABORATORS' MEETING

Just a reminder to send in your attendance forms, as soon as possible, if you plan on attending the October 2003 MACS Collaborators' Meeting in Toronto.

MUGS THIS MONTH

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

CHUS Fleurimont (*Sherbrooke, Canada*), Children's & Women's of BC (*Vancouver, Canada*), Ma'ayney Hayeshua (*Bnei Brak, Israel*), Haemek (*Afula, Israel*), Benjamin Franklin (*Berlin, Germany*)

A MACS mug is on its way to the **Universidad Católica** (Santiago, Chile) for reaching their annual goal in 2003! **CONGRATULATIONS!**

MACS in the United Kingdom

Many of our interested UK centres have been asking about whether or not an MREC application has been obtained. This application is close to completion and will be submitted soon. We will let all interested centres know as soon as we have received approval.

Recruitment

(Projected sample size of 1900 by December 2004)



as of July 31, 2003

Annual Goal	Apr - Dec 01	Jan - Jun 02	Jul-Dec 02	Jan - Mar 03	Apr 03	May 03	Jun 03	July 03	Grand Total
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COUNTRY

CANADA	138	29	31	36	14	6	3	10	6	135
POLAND	37		4	66	24	12	11	4	2	123
ISRAEL	143	20	22	28	14	2	5	7	6	104
CHILE	35			20	6	5	1	2	3	37
USA	60	8	3	6	8	3			1	29
DENMARK	15	9	7	6	2	1		1		26
HUNGARY	9		7	10	4	1	2	1		25
GERMANY	34			2	3	4	2	3	6	20
SWITZERLAND	10	3	4	2		1	2			12
JORDAN	23					4	1	1	1	7
THE NETHERLANDS	11				1	1				2
Total	515	69	78	176	76	40	27	29	25	520

CENTRES BY COUNTRY

(shaded area is prior to start-up)

CANADA										
Mount Sinai, Toronto	23	9	8	10	2			1	3	33
Royal University, Saskatoon	13	8	6	3	1	2	1			21
Royal Alexandra, Edmonton	14	2	3	5	3	1	1	2		17
Children's & Women's, Vancouver	24	7	2	3	1	1			1	15
CHUS (Fleurimont), Sherbrooke	10	3	6	3				2	1	15
IWK Health Centre, Halifax	16		3	2	3	1		3		12
Sunnybrook & Women's, Toronto	12			3	3		1	1		8
St Boniface General, Winnipeg	13		2	3	1			1		7
Regina General, Regina	10		1	4						5
North Bay General, North Bay	3					1			1	2

POLAND										
Univ School of Medicine, Poznan	18			35	12	2	2	1		52
Research Inst at PMMH, Lodz	14			21	7	4	5	1		38
Med University of Gdansk, Gdansk	5		4	10	5	6	4	2	2	33

ISRAEL										
Rabin, Petach Tikva	26	9	5	5	2		2	2		25
Edith Wolfson, Holon	12			8	4	1	2	2	1	18
Haemek, Afula	13		6	4	3			1	1	15
Ma'ayneyn Hayeshua, Bnei Brak	16	7	1			1	1	2	3	15
Soroka, Beer Sheva	38	1	5	7	1					14
Bnai Zion, Haifa	13	3	3		4				1	11
Poriya Government, Tiberias	7		1	2						3
Meir, Kfar-Saba	18		1	2						3



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	01	02	02	03	03	03	03	03	

CHILE										
Sotero del Rio, Puente Alto	26			16	5			1	1	23
Universidad Católica, Santiago	9			4	1	5	1	1	2	14

USA										
Montefiore, Bronx	13	7	2	4	6	1			1	21
Bethesda, Cincinnati	13		1	1	1					3
Good Samaritan, Cincinnati	18			1	1					2
Baystate Medical Center, Springfield	16					2				2
Albany (No longer recruiting)	—	1								1

DENMARK										
Aarhus University, Aarhus	15	9	7	6	2	1		1		26

HUNGARY										
University of Debrecen, Debrecen	9		7	10	4	1	2	1		25

GERMANY										
Klinikum Nurnburg Sud, Nurnburg	15			2	3	2	1	3	1	12
Benjamin Franklin, Berlin	15					2	1		4	7
TU Munchen, Munchen	4								1	1

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

JORDAN										
Islamic, Amman	23					4	1	1	1	7

THE NETHERLANDS										
Atrium, Heerlen	6				1					1
Academisch Ziekenhuis, Maastricht	5					1				1

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

USA: Maricopa, *Phoenix* (11) [04/01]; Medical University of South Carolina, *Charleston* (7) [06/02]. **CHINA:** Peace Maternity, *Shanghai* (18) [02/03]. **GERMANY:** University of Marburg, *Marburg* (4) [04/03]; MHH Hannover, *Hannover* (5) [06/03]; St. Hedwig Hospital, *Regensburg* (4) [07/03]. **ISRAEL:** Sheba Medical Centre, *Ramat-Gan* (22) [07/03], **SPAIN:** Hospital Clinic, *Barcelona* (10) [07/03]



Keep up the Good Work!

Quote of the Month:
 "The person who removes a mountain begins by carrying away small stones."
 - Anonymous