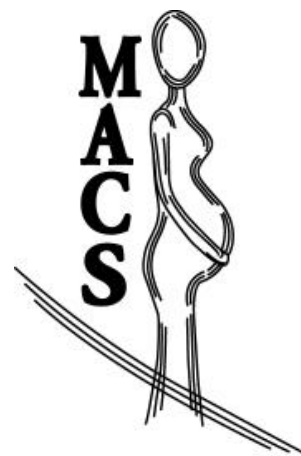


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Overall Total: 399

Total this month: 26

Great work everyone! Let's try to recruit 35 patients in April.
"If it wasn't hard, everyone would do it. It is the hard that makes it great!" -- Tom Hanks



TWO MORE CENTRES HAVE JOINED THE MACS TEAM!

MACS extends the warmest welcome to 2 new centres:

The Islamic Hospital (Amman, Jordan) and
Klinikum Benjamin Franklin (Berlin, Germany)

SPR Meeting: MACS Wine and Cheese Reception

We have now booked a date and time for the MACS wine and cheese reception at the Society for Pediatric Research (SPR) Meeting. The reception will be held on:

Saturday May 3rd from 7:00-8:30

in Suite 412 at the Sheraton Seattle

We invite everyone to come meet with other MACS colleagues and find out more about MACS.

MACS Collaborators Meeting: October 24-26, 2003

Invitations for the MACS Collaborators meeting will be mailed out in May. We hope to see many of you in Toronto in October!





Mugs This Month

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

Bnai Zion (Haifa, Israel), **Sotero del Rio** (Puente Alto, Chile), **University of Debrecen** (Debrecen, Hungary), **Klinikum Nurnburg Sud** (Nurnburg, Germany)

Congratulations to Medical University of Gdansk (Gdansk, Poland) for reaching their annual goal for the year 2003!



RECRUITMENT TIP:

Keeping a register or log of all women who have received a course of antenatal corticosteroids (ACS) helps to identify potentially eligible patients. Some centres find it helpful to contact patients a few days after their first course of ACS to tell them about the study. That way, when they are invited to take part, the women are already aware of MACS.



This Month's Reminder:

Maternal Form - Question 4

Were antenatal corticosteroids given **in addition to the study drug**?

no yes → if yes, which one(s)?

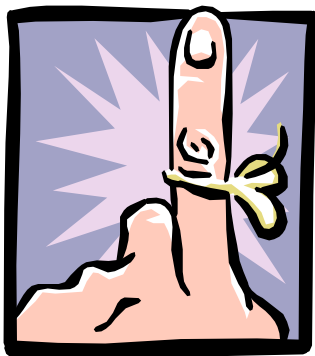
betamethasone no yes → if yes, total dose: mg

dexamethasone no yes → if yes, total dose: mg

prednisone no yes → if yes, total dose: mg

other no yes → if yes, total dose: mg
(specify)

→ if any yes, specify reason(s):



*** This question is asking about an **extra** course of antenatal corticosteroids **after randomisation**. Your answer should **NOT** include the pre-study course of antenatal corticosteroids. If an additional course of corticosteroids was given, please remember to specify the reason.

Recruitment

(Projected sample size of 1900 by July 2004)



as of March 31, 2003

Annual Goal	Apr - Dec	Jan - Jun	Jul - Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Grand Total
	01	02	02	03	03	03	

COUNTRY

CANADA	135	29	31	36	1	8	5	110
POLAND	37		4	66	7	12	5	94
ISRAEL	143	20	22	28	6	1	7	84
CHILE	35			20	3	1	2	26
USA	44	8	3	6	4	1	3	25
DENMARK	15	9	7	6	1		1	24
HUNGARY	9		7	10		2	2	21
SWITZERLAND	10	3	4	2				9
GERMANY	15			2	1	1	1	5
THE NETHERLANDS	11				1			1
Total	454	69	78	176	24	26	26	399

CENTRES BY COUNTRY

(shaded area is prior to start-up)

CANADA								
Mount Sinai, Toronto	23	9	8	10		1	1	29
Royal University, Saskatoon	13	8	6	3		1		18
Children's & Women's, Vancouver	24	7	2	3		1		13
Royal Alexandra, Edmonton	14	2	3	5	1	1	1	13
CHUS (Fleurimont), Sherbrooke	10	3	6	3				12
IWK Health Centre, Halifax	16		3	2		2	1	8
Sunnybrook & Women's, Toronto	12			3		2	1	6
St Boniface General, Winnipeg	13		2	3			1	6
Regina General, Regina	10		1	4				5

POLAND								
Univ School of Medicine, Poznan	18			35	3	7	2	47
Research Inst at PMMH, Lodz	14			21	4	1	2	28
Med University of Gdansk, Gdansk	5		4	10		4	1	19

ISRAEL								
Rabin, Petach Tikva	26	9	5	5	2			21
Soroka, Beer Sheva	38	1	5	7			1	14
Haemek, Afula	13		6	4	1	1	1	13
Edith Wolfson, Holon	12			8	3		1	12
Bnai Zion, Haifa	13	3	3				4	10
Ma'ayney Hayeshua, Bnei Brak	16	7	1					8
Poriya Government, Tiberias	7		1	2				3
Meir, Kfar-Saba	18		1	2				3



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CHILE								
Sotero del Rio, Puente Alto	26			16	2	1	2	21
Universidad Católica, Santiago	9			4	1			5

USA								
Montefiore, Bronx	13	7	2	4	2	1	3	19
Bethesda, Cincinnati	13		1	1	1			3
Good Samaritan, Cincinnati	18			1	1			2
Albany (No longer recruiting)	—	1						1

DENMARK								
Aarhus University, Aarhus	15	9	7	6	1		1	24

HUNGARY								
University of Debrecen, Debrecen	9		7	10		2	2	21

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

GERMANY								
Klinikum Nurnburg Sud, Nurnburg	15			2	1	1	1	5

THE NETHERLANDS								
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]. **CHINA:** Peace Maternity, *Shanghai* (18) [02/03]. **CANADA:** North Bay General, *North Bay* (3) [02/03]. **JORDAN:** Islamic, *Amman* (23) [02/03]. **GERMANY:** Benjamin Franklin, *Berlin* (15) [03/03]



Keep up the Good Work!

Quote of the Month:

" Many hands make the Light work."

- Leroy W. Jones