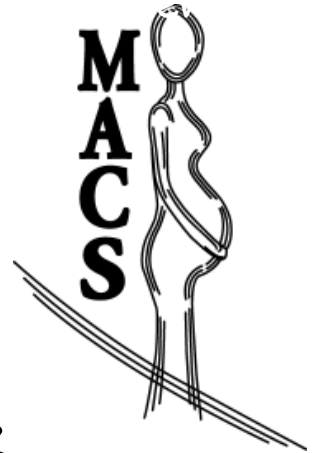


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Overall Total: 616

Total this month: 35

WOW! Let's
keep this up!!

We extend our warmest welcome to 4 new MACS centres! It is good to have you on board!

- University Women's Hospital (**Homburg, Germany**)
- Helios Klinikum (**Erfurt, Germany**)
- Hadassah Ein Kerem (**Jerusalem, Israel**)
- Research Centre of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Perinatology (**Moscow, Russia**)



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MUGS THIS MONTH

MACS mugs are on their way to the following centres, who have recruited 5 more women into the study. **GOOD WORK!**

IWK Health Centre (*Halifax, Canada*), **University School of Medicine** (*Poznan, Poland*), **Medical University of Gdansk** (*Gdansk, Poland*), **Haemek** (*Afula, Israel*), **Meir** (*Kfar-Saba, Israel*), **Klinikum Nurnburg Sud** (*Nurnburg, Germany*), **University Women's Hospital** (*Basel, Switzerland*)

Congratulations to **North Bay General** (*North Bay, Canada*) for reaching their annual goal! A mug is on its way to them also!

SOME RECRUITMENT TIPS

◆ For a woman, knowing that her obstetric caregiver is supportive of MACS and her participation in the study can be very important, and her agreement to join the study can heavily depend on this fact. Try to raise awareness among hospital staff and recruit support from the obstetric caregivers. Understanding that busy clinicians may not have time to explain MACS in detail, ask them to refer eligible women to the MACS site coordinator.

◆ When explaining MACS to women be positive, balance discussion of risks and benefits, and emphasize that both practices are widely used and that physicians are unsure which is the best. Include family members in the discussion, to make sure they understand the study and view it positively.

Recruitment

(Projected sample size of 1900 by December 2004)



Annual Goal	Apr-Dec 01	Jan-Dec 02	Jan-Jun 03	July 03	Aug 03	Sept 03	Oct 03	Nov 03	Grand Total
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as of November 30, 2003

COUNTRY

CANADA	138	29	67	33	6	5	1	4	7	152
POLAND	37		70	51	2	2	7	3	8	143
ISRAEL	165	20	50	28	6	5	4	1	7	121
CHILE	35		20	14	3	2	1	3		43
GERMANY	52		2	12	6	1	5		7	33
USA	60	8	9	11	1			2		31
HUNGARY	9		17	8		3				28
DENMARK	15	9	13	4			1			27
SWITZERLAND	10	3	6	3		2	1	1	1	17
JORDAN	23			6	1		2	1		10
THE NETHERLANDS	11			2				1	1	4
BRAZIL	5							3		3
ARGENTINA	13								2	2
UK	5								1	1
SPAIN	10								1	1
Total	588	69	254	172	25	20	22	19	35	616

CENTRES BY COUNTRY

(shaded area is prior to start-up)

CANADA										
Mount Sinai, Toronto	23	9	18	3	3	1		2	1	37
Royal University, Saskatoon	13	8	9	4						21
Royal Alexandra, Edmonton	14	2	8	7		1			1	19
CHUS (Fleurimont), Sherbrooke	10	3	9	2	1	1			1	17
Children's & Women's, Vancouver	24	7	5	2	1	1				16
IWK Health Centre, Halifax	16		5	7			1	1	2	16
St Boniface General, Winnipeg	13		5	2				1	1	9
Sunnybrook & Women's, Toronto	12		3	5						8
Regina General, Regina	10		5			1				6
North Bay General, North Bay	3			1	1				1	3

POLAND										
Univ School of Medicine, Poznan	18		35	17		1	4	1	5	63
Research Inst at PMMH, Lodz	14		21	17			2			40
Med University of Gdansk, Gdansk	5		14	17	2	1	1	2	3	40

ISRAEL										
Rabin, Petach Tikva	26	9	10	6		2				27
Edith Wolfson, Holon	12		8	9	1	2	2	1		23
Haemek, Afula	13		10	4	1	1	2		2	20
Ma'ayne Hayeshua, Bnei Brak	16	7	1	4	3				1	16
Soroka, Beer Sheva	38	1	12	1						14
Bnai Zion, Haifa	13	3	3	4	1					11
Meir, Kfar-Saba	18		3						3	6
Poriya Government, Tiberias	7		3							3
Sheba Medical Centre, Ramat-Gan	22								1	1

CHILE										
Sotero del Rio, Puente Alto	26		16	6	1	2	1	2		28
Universidad Católica, Santiago	9		4	8	2			1		15

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GERMANY										
Klinikum Nurnburg Sud, Nurnburg	15		2	9	1	1			2	15
Benjamin Franklin, Berlin	15			3	4		3			10
University of Marburg, Marburg	4						2			2
University of Leipzig, Leipzig	5							2		2
St. Hedwig Hospital, Regensburg	4							2		2
MHH Hannover, Hannover	5							1		1
TU Munchen, Munchen	4				1					1

USA										
Montefiore, Bronx	13	7	6	7	1			1		22
Bethesda, Cincinnati	13		2	1			1			4
Good Samaritan, Cincinnati	18		1	1						2
Baystate Medical Center, Springfield	16			2						2
Albany (No longer recruiting)	---	1								1

HUNGARY										
University of Debrecen, Debrecen	9		17	8		3				28

DENMARK										
Aarhus University, Aarhus	15	9	13	4			1			27

SWITZERLAND										
Univ Women's Hospital, Basel	5		2	3		2	1	1	1	10
CHU Vaudois, Lausanne	5	3	4							7

JORDAN										
Islamic, Amman	23			6	1		2	1		10

THE NETHERLANDS										
Academisch Ziekenhuis, Maastricht	5			1				1	1	3
Atrium, Heerlen	6			1						1

BRAZIL										
Hospital Geral, Caxias do Sul	5							3		3

ARGENTINA										
Posadas, Buenos Aires	13								2	2

UK										
Queen Elizabeth Hospital, King's Lynn	5								1	1

SPAIN										
Hospital Clinic, Barcelona	10								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:** Dr Horst-Schmidt-Kliniken, *Wiesbaden* (8) [08/03]; University Women's Hospital, *Homburg* (5) [11/03]; Helios Klinikum, *Erfurt* (5) [11/03]. **UK:** Forth Park, *Kirkcaldy* (10) [10/03]. **ISRAEL:** Hadassah Ein Kerem, *Jerusalem* (13) [11/03]. **RUSSIA:** Research Centre of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Perinatology, *Moscow* (5) [11/03].

Keep up the Good Work!



Quote of the Month:

"Every oak tree started out as a couple of nuts who stood their ground" Anonymous