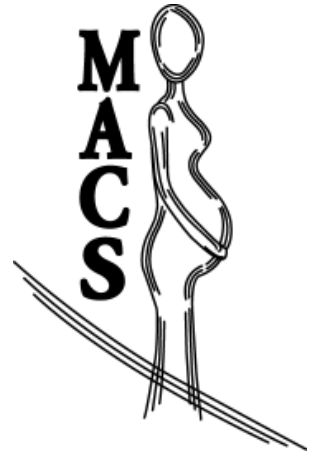


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Overall Total: 581

Total this month: 19

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF!

Let's extend our warmest welcome to Lana Kiehn and Emily Karahalios, whom many of you had a chance to meet during the MACS meeting in Toronto. Lana will be the MACS Research Coordinator, and Emily will take over the MACS Research Assistant role. As many of you know, Shelley Stalker has left MIRU to work as an epidemiologist. Congratulations to Shelley, and thanks for all her hard work on MACS. Both Lana and Emily have worked at MIRU on other projects before joining the MACS team. You can contact them at macs@sw.ca or at (1) 416-351-2530.



Collaborator's Meeting was a huge success!

We would like to thank everyone who attended the MACS meeting. We had a flood of positive feedback about the meeting and a number of helpful suggestions on how to make MACS better. We are working on implementing some ideas and we will keep you posted on any changes!





Two more centres have joined MACS in October and there will be many more joining in November! WELCOME!

- ~ Forth Park (Kirkcaldy, UK)
- ~ University of Leipzig (Leipzig, Germany)

MUGS THIS MONTH

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

Mount Sinai (Toronto, Canada), Universidad Católica (Santiago, Chile), Islamic Hospital (Amman, Jordan)

18-24 months Follow-up

We are working on reorganizing our follow-up reminder reports and procedures. If you have any suggestion on how to improve them please let us know! Meanwhile, please don't forget to complete and return to us the 18-24 months Appointment form for each baby as soon as the follow up appointment is booked. Organizing the appointment early ensures that all MACS babies are assessed between 18 and 24 months. If you are not directly responsible for making the appointments but you keep receiving the reminders from us, please let us know whom we should address these reminders to.

Don't forget to write the appointment date and time on the MACS 2-year follow up Appointment Magnet and give the magnet to the mother. That way she will remember about the appointment and can use the magnet as a picture frame.



Recruitment

(Projected sample size of 1900 by December 2004)

Annual Goal	Apr-Dec 01	Jan-Jun 02	Jul-Dec 02	Jan-Jun 03	July 03	Aug 03	Sept 03	Oct 03	Grand Total
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as of October 31, 2003

COUNTRY

CANADA	138	29	31	36	33	6	5	1	4	145
POLAND	37		4	66	51	2	2	7	3	135
ISRAEL	143	20	22	28	28	6	5	4	1	114
CHILE	35			20	14	3	2	1	3	43
USA	60	8	3	6	11	1			2	31
HUNGARY	9		7	10	8		3			28
DENMARK	15	9	7	6	4			1		27
GERMANY	34			2	12	6	1	5		26
SWITZERLAND	10	3	4	2	3		2	1	1	16
JORDAN	23				6	1		2	1	10
THE NETHERLANDS	11				2				1	3
BRAZIL	5								3	3
Total	515	69	78	176	172	25	20	22	19	581

CENTRES BY COUNTRY

(shaded area is prior to start-up)

CANADA										
Mount Sinai, Toronto	23	9	8	10	3	3	1		2	36
Royal University, Saskatoon	13	8	6	3	4					21
Royal Alexandra, Edmonton	14	2	3	5	7		1			18
Children's & Women's, Vancouver	24	7	2	3	2	1	1			16
CHUS (Fleurimont), Sherbrooke	10	3	6	3	2	1	1			16
IWK Health Centre, Halifax	16		3	2	7			1	1	14
Sunnybrook & Women's, Toronto	12			3	5					8
St Boniface General, Winnipeg	13		2	3	2				1	8
Regina General, Regina	10		1	4			1			6
North Bay General, North Bay	3				1	1				2

POLAND										
Univ School of Medicine, Poznan	18			35	17		1	4	1	58
Research Inst at PMMH, Lodz	14			21	17			2		40
Med University of Gdansk, Gdansk	5		4	10	17	2	1	1	2	37

ISRAEL										
Rabin, Petach Tikva	26	9	5	5	6		2			27
Edith Wolfson, Holon	12			8	9	1	2	2	1	23
Haemek, Afula	13		6	4	4	1	1	2		18
Ma'ayney Hayeshua, Bnei Brak	16	7	1		4	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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CHILE

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

USA

Montefiore, Bronx	13	7	2	4	7	1		1	22
Bethesda, Cincinnati	13		1	1	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		7	10	8		3		28
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DENMARK

Aarhus University, Aarhus	15	9	7	6	4			1	27
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GERMANY

Klinikum Nurnburg Sud, Nurnburg	15			2	9	1	1		13
Benjamin Franklin, Berlin	15				3	4		3	10
TU Munchen, Munchen	4					1			1
University of Marburg, Marburg	4							2	2

SWITZERLAND

Univ Women's Hospital, Basel	5		1	1	3		2	1	9
CHU Vaudois, Lausanne	5	3	3	1					7

JORDAN

Islamic, Amman	23				6	1		2	1	10
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THE NETHERLANDS

Atrium, Heerlen	6				1				1
Academisch Ziekenhuis, Maastricht	5				1			1	2

BRAZIL

Hospital Geral, Caxias do Sul									3	3
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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:** MHH Hannover, *Hannover* (5) [06/03]; Dr Horst-Schmidt-Kliniken, *Wiesbaden* (8) [08/03]; St. Hedwig Hospital, *Regensburg* (4) [07/03]. University of Leipzig, *Leipzig* (5) [10/03]. **ISRAEL:** Sheba Medical Centre, *Ramat-Gan* (22) [07/03]. **SPAIN:** Hospital Clinic, *Barcelona* (10) [07/03]. **UK:** Queen Elizabeth Hospital, *King's Lynn* (5) [08/03], Forth Park, *Kirkcaldy* (10) [10/03]. **ARGENTINA:** Posadas, *Buenos Aires* (13) [09/03].

Keep up the Good Work!



Quote of the Month:

"Courage to start and willingness to keep everlasting at it are the requisites for success."

Alonzo Newton Benn