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<p><b>OVERALL TOTAL: 13</b> <b>TOTAL THIS MONTH: 9</b></p>
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## **Fantastic! Très Bien! Bravo!**

Congratulations to Dr. Laura Goetzl at Baylor College of Medicine, USA; Dr. Frans Roumen at Atrium Medical Center, The Netherlands; Dr. Dorit Ravid at Meir Hospital, Israel; Dr. Krzysztof Preis at Medical University of Gdansk, Poland; and to Dr. Fadi Bsati at Baystate Medical Center, USA for receiving local ethics approval. Welcome to TBS!



## **And...**

More congratulations are in order to Dr. Raquel Martin's team at LC Lagomaggiore Hospital in Argentina and to Dr. Monika Laubach's team at Vrije Universiteit Brussel in Belgium for recruiting their first patients! Dr. Laubach should also be recognized for achieving her annual goal within in one month.

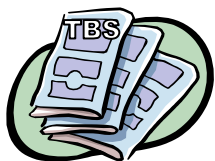
## **Temporary Suspension of recruitment from Centres outside of Canada into the Twin Birth Study**



As our centres outside of Canada already know we have been directed by our institution, Sunnybrook & Women's College Health Sciences Centre (SWCHSC) to suspend recruitment from non-Canadian sites into all MIRU trials. This has come about because of concerns about the adequacy of their insurance coverage.

SWCHSC is working hard to resolve this situation as quickly as possible by contracting with an additional insurance provider. We will keep you up to date as we get more information. In the meantime we will continue recruitment in Canada.

Thank you for your continued commitment to TBS!



## Information for Patients

In your start-up packages, you will receive Patient Information Brochures to be distributed to your patients. If you require the brochure in another language, please provide a translation and we will have the information formatted and printed for you.

## Collaborators' Meeting

Many thanks, to those of you who have returned your Response Forms for the Collaborators' Meeting. It appears that the meeting will be well attended and we look forward to meeting you. If you have not yet received an invitation to the meeting, please contact us. If you have not already done so, please return your forms **by fax** as soon as possible.

For this meeting, we are piloting a new procedure for travel arrangements. For those sites that are or become ACTIVE (Ethics Approval, Patient Consent and Study Agreement received by the Data Coordinating Centre) by March 31, you will be able to call a Travel Agent in Toronto to make your travel arrangements and have your tickets paid for directly by the Data Coordinating Centre. Details will be sent to sites as they become active. If you are not yet active by this date, please purchase your tickets and you will be reimbursed when you become active.



## Twin Birth Study Recruitment

(planned enrolment of 2800 by June 2008)

as of Feb 29, 2004

Annual Goal	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Total
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### COUNTRY

COUNTRY	Annual Goal	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Total
ARGENTINA	12			5	5
CANADA	5	3	1	1	5
BELGIUM	3			3	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>

### CENTRES BY COUNTRY

(Shaded area is prior to start-up)

ARGENTINA					
LC Lagomaggiore, Mendoza	12			5	5
CANADA					
Sunnybrook & Women's, Toronto	5	3	1	1	5
BELGIUM					
Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Brussels	3			3	3

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

**ISRAEL:** Edith Wolfson Medical Centre, *Holon* (5) [12/03], **JORDAN:** Islamic Hospital, *Amman* (9) [12/03],

**THE NETHERLANDS:** Academic Hospital Maastricht, *Maastricht* (2) [01/04]