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Make it your goal to recruit at least 1 patient each month!

OVERALL TOTAL: 267
TOTAL THIS MONTH: 29

Welcome to TBS!

We would like to welcome Dr Peter Scheufler at Trillium Health Centre in *Mississauga*, Canada and Dr Sjaak Alleman at Maaslandziekenhuis in *Sittard*, The Netherlands.

Congratulations on obtaining local ethics approval and we look forward to working with you!



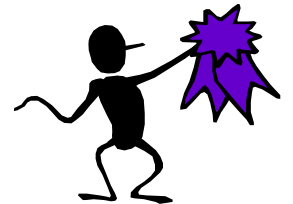
Congratulations on your first recruit!

Congratulations to Dr Kassam Mahomed at Toowoomba Base Hospital in *Toowoomba*, Australia and to Dr George Carson at Regina General in *Regina*, Canada.



Recruitment Excellence!

This month, there were four sites that reached their annual goal: Dr Monika Laubach at Vrije Universiteit Brussel in *Brussels*, Belgium; Dr Luis Leighton at Gustavo Fricke in *Vina del Mar*, Chile; Dr Ron Gonen at Bnai Zion in *Haifa*, Israel; and Dr Frans Roumen at Atrium Medical Center in *Heerlen*, The Netherlands. Congratulations to the teams at these sites and keep up the good work! These sites will receive a small token of our appreciation.



Upcoming Meetings

Thank you to those collaborators in Brazil who have responded to our invitation to attend the Collaborators' Meeting in *Campinas*, Brazil on June 16 & 17, 2005. If you need hotel accomodation, please remember to reserve your hotel room as soon as possible.

Mark your calendars - Details to follow soon

For our Spanish South American collaborators: please plan to join us on September 22 & 23, 2005 in *Buenos Aires*, Argentina.



A European Collaborators' Meeting will take place in *London*, UK on November 11, 2005. All active and interested European centres will be invited.

Canadian Teleconference

March 4th marked the first TBS teleconference and we are pleased to report that it was a success! The participants included our active Canadian centres as well as the staff at the Data Coordinating Centre. The discussion focused on recruitment strategies and study participation - and overall, the teleconference was very informative. Please see the attached insert for a list of those who attended and for helpful tips on recruitment.



Twin Birth Study Recruitment

(planned enrolment of 2800 by June 2008)

As of March 31, 2005

Annual Goal	Dec 2003	Jan - Jun 2004	Jul - Dec 2004	Jan 2005	Feb 2005	Mar 2005	Grand Total
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COUNTRY

ARGENTINA	22		18	42	8	8	7	83
CANADA	58	3	10	15	2	4	2	36
ISRAEL	34		6	15	2	2	3	28
EGYPT	20		4	15		1	3	23
POLAND	10		1	3	3	3	4	14
BELGIUM	3		4	1		1	4	10
CHILE	5		2	6			2	10
THE NETHERLANDS	5			7	1		1	9
AUSTRALIA	11			2	3	1	1	7
ESTONIA	3			5	1	1		7
HUNGARY	4		3	2		2		7
USA	21			4	2	1		7
JORDAN	9		2	3			1	6
BRAZIL	5			2	3			5
CROATIA	4		1	3		1		5
ROMANIA	3			2		1	1	4
SPAIN	5			2		2		4
UK	9			2				2
Total	231	3	51	131	25	28	29	267

CENTRES BY COUNTRY

(Shaded area is prior to start-up)

ARGENTINA

LC Lagomaggiore, Mendoza	12		16	15	4	3	5	43
Posadas, Buenos Aires	6		1	21	4	5	2	33
Ramos Mejia, Buenos Aires	4		1	6				7

CANADA

Sunnybrook & Women's College, Toronto	5	3	7	7	1	3		21
Mount Sinai, Toronto	11		1	4			1	6
Royal Columbian, New Westminster	5		2	1	1			4
Lion's Gate, Vancouver	3					1		1
IWK Health Centre, Halifax	7			1				1
Regina General, Regina	5						1	1
Calgary Health Region, Calgary	18			1				1
York Central, Richmond Hill	4			1				1

ISRAEL

Edith Wolfson, Holon	5		5	6				11
Bnai Zion, Haifa	8			4	1	2	1	8
Ma'ayne-Hayeshua, Bnei Brak	10		1	4	1			6
Poriya Government, Tiberias	4						2	2
Haemek, Afula	7			1				1

As of March 31, 2005

Annual Goal	Dec	Jan - Jun	Jul - Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Grand Total
	2003	2004	2004	2005	2005	2005	

EGYPT

Assiut University, Assiut	20		4	15		1	3	23
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POLAND

University School of Medical Sciences, Poznan	8			3	3	3	4	13
Medical University of Gdansk, Gdansk	2		1					1

BELGIUM

Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Brussels	3		4	1		1	4	10
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CHILE

Gustavo Fricke, Vina del Mar	5		2	6			2	10
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THE NETHERLANDS

Atrium Medical Center, Heerlen	3			4	1		1	6
Academisch Ziekenhuis, Maastricht	2			3				3

AUSTRALIA

St George, Sydney	3			2	1	1		4
Mater Mothers', Brisbane	6				2			2
Toowoomba Base, Toowoomba	2						1	1

ESTONIA

Tartu University Clinic, Tartu	3			5	1	1		7
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HUNGARY

University of Debrecen, Debrecen	4		3	2		2		7
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USA

East Bay Perinatal Medical Associates, Oakland	12				2	1		3
Jamaica Hospital Medical Center, Jamaica	5			2				2
Texas Tech UHSC, Lubbock	4			2				2

JORDAN

Islamic, Amman	9		2	3			1	6
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BRAZIL

University of Campinas, Campinas	5			2	3			5
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CROATIA

Sveti Duh, Zagreb	4		1	3		1		5
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ROMANIA

Pharmacy and Medicine University, Cluj-Napoca	3			2		1	1	4
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SPAIN

UB Hospital Clinic, Barcelona	5			2		2		4
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UK

Nottingham City, Nottingham	9			2				2
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Centres awaiting first patient: [COUNTRY: Hospital, City (annual goal)] [month/year start-up package sent]

AUSTRALIA: Royal Women's, *Carlton* (8) [07/04], Logan, *Meadowbrook* (5) [10/04], The Townsville Hospital, *Townsville* (3) [06/04];
CANADA: General Hospital & HSC, *St John's* (4) [01/05], McMaster, *Hamilton* (5) [01/05], Ottawa - General Division, *Ottawa* (6) [12/04], Royal University, *Saskatoon* (6) [06/04], Trillium Health Centre, *Mississauga* (6) [03/05]; **CHILE:** Sótero del Río, *Puente Alto* (11) [09/04], Universidad Católica, *Santiago* (3) [11/04]; **DENMARK:** Aarhus University, *Aarhus* (8) [01/05]; **POLAND:** Polish Mother's Memorial, *Lodz* (5) [11/04]; **SINGAPORE:** KKH, *Singapore* (23) [08/04]; **THE NETHERLANDS:** Maaslandziekenhuis, *Sittard* (2) [03/05]; **UK:** Lewisham, *London* (5) [02/05]; **USA:** Maricopa, *Phoenix* (8) [06/04]



Canadian Teleconference Participant List

CALGARY: *Calgary Health Region*, Cheryl Swaby; HALIFAX: *IWK Health Centre*, Anthony Armson, Cora Fanning; HAMILTON: *McMaster*, Elaine Moore; OTTAWA: *Ottawa Civic*: Georges Tawagi; *Ottawa – General Division*: Laura Payant; REGINA: *Regina General*: George D Carson; RICHMOND HILL: *York Central*: Debbie Nemtean; SASKATOON: *Royal University*: Kathy Pierson; ST JOHN'S: *General Hospital & HSC*: Joan Crane, Donna Hutchens; TORONTO: *Mount Sinai*: Nanette Okun, Lynn Haslam; *Sunnybrook & Women's*: Arthur Zaltz; VANCOUVER: *Lion's Gate*: Laura Vicol



Ideas for recruitment resulting from the teleconference:

- For some women, it may be useful to provide more information on the research evidence than is given in the patient brochure – the study staff are currently putting together a package of such information and plan to send it out to you. If you have found specific articles useful in your own centre please forward them to us so that we can see if they would be a useful addition to the package
- Approach women early, before bias from other sources is introduced
- Consider various sources to find potential participants (e.g. ultrasound and IVF clinics, birthing classes etc.)
- Be proactive in your efforts to contact and remind physicians about the study; consider offering to speak with their patients once they have found that a patient is interested
- Keep ethical considerations and a patient's right to privacy in mind
- Use posters in physician's offices, clinics, labs, waiting rooms etc.
- Arrange for a prominent display of brochures wherever posters are used
- Send study information and brochures to birthing classes for teachers and patients
- Previous participants may be advocates for the study
- Consider a press release for the lay public