Can we safely reduce the risk of breathing problems for newborn babies by giving corticosteroid injections to their mothers before a planned caesarean section?

Welcome to Newsletter 4 for the C*STEROID Trial

RECRUITMENT UPDATE

We are starting to see an increase with recruitment numbers in Auckland this month! **Well done team Auckland for 11 new mothers and babies recruited for September.**

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Although it is positive to see an **overall upward trend for recruitment** across New Zealand over the last few months, we seem to be quieter on numbers from our other sites. We’ll soon have Australian sites hot on our heels so please let us know if you are facing any particular challenges with recruitment that we may be able to help with.

C*STEROID TEAM NEWS

The Auckland C*STEROID team are proud to announce their victory for winning the Liggins Institute Quiz night on Monday 3rd October!

Naturally the team name was "Quiz night on steroids" which must have helped with their win of 89 points. This was 8 points ahead of second place!

**Congratulations Auckland C*STEROID team!**
C*STEROID INVESTIGATORS MEETING
Thank you to everyone who joined the C*STEROID investigators meeting on Wednesday 28th September. It was great to see you all there, we had 33 attendees at peak time!

Our next investigators meeting will be held in person at PSANZ in March 2023 in Melbourne. We will aim to have it on video conference as well for those who don’t plan to attend PSANZ next year.

REDCAP REMINDERS
Each month we plan to highlight some common errors and reminders for sites in order to improve our REDCap data entry process.

This month’s reminder:

C*STEROID Baseline in Trial database
- Common error: Secondary indication for planned CS is selected as the same as the primary indication
- Please instead select "Not Applicable (primary indication is absolute)" if there is only one indication for planned CS

For example: instead of selecting breech again, the option for not applicable should be selected as the secondary indication.

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