

CHILD

Newsletter

Study



Vancouver CHILD investigator meeting May 4-6, 2008.

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Congratulations

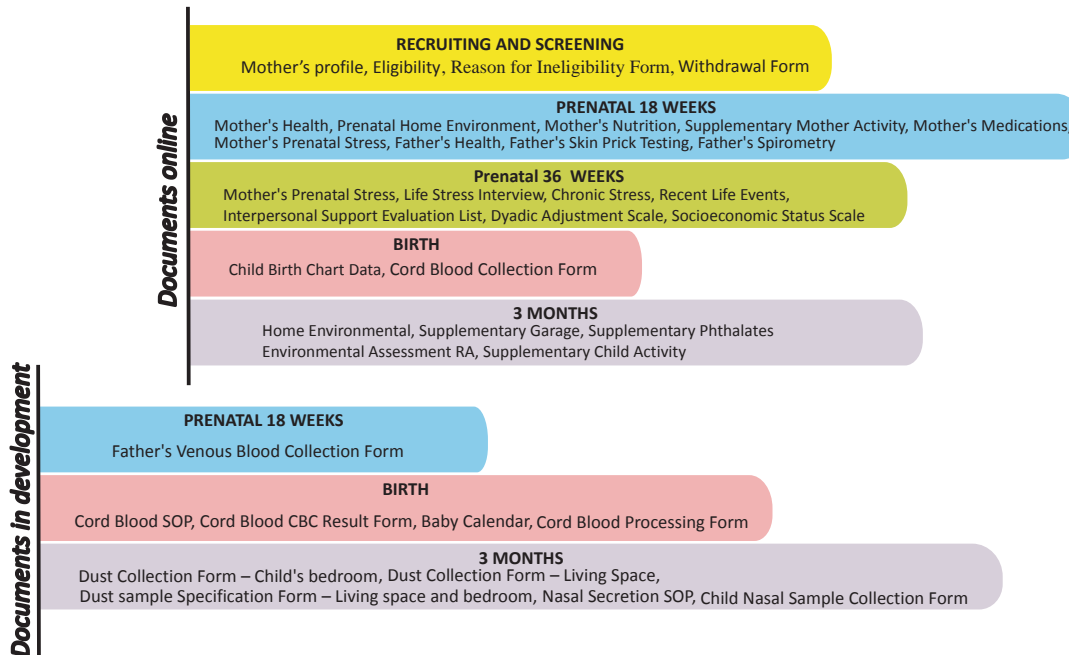
on successful implementation
of the Pilot Study for CHILD.



The pilot phase of the CHILD study proposed to recruit 200 children over a two month period to provide important information on recruitment strategies, prenatal visits, questionnaires and birth events. On December 15, recruitment of the Pilot CHILD study closed, with over 200 mothers enrolled (43-57 per centre). Hard work and commitment during the Pilot study has assured the Executive team that we will shortly have essential information to review before moving forward to implementation of the main CHILD study. Evaluation of the Pilot Study will include recruitment strategies, data collection and data entry methods, demographic characteristics, questionnaires and procedures. Necessary changes and updating of protocols will then be submitted to Research Ethics Committees for approval of modifications in order to commence with the CHILD study proper as early as possible in 2009.

Documents and protocols :

The central administrative team, working groups and HealthDiary have worked long hours over several months on developing documents and protocols, many of which were used in the Pilot study, including:



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First home inspection training session, on-site visit, Toronto, March 10, 2008.

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Thank you to Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation for their generous and ongoing financial contributions to the CHILD study in training our research assistants in home inspections.

Our first training session took place in Toronto on March 10, 2008 and we anticipate a second session for up to 12 research assistants, early in 2009.

CHILD Home Assessment Completed



The first Home Assessment for the CHILD study was successfully conducted in Vancouver on December 8, 2008. Heading to the 22nd floor via the elevator (thankfully) with our bright red Team Canada hockey bag packed with vacuum and sample collection containers, we were reminded of the changing face of Vancouver and how the high rise condominiums that dominate our landscape seem to be the norm for urban city living. What hasn't changed are the familiar sounds and smells of family life and as we were greeted at the door by mom Annette, two and a half year old daughter Kate and baby Beth, the smell of freshly baked cookies wafted across the threshold. While a part of our job description, the home visit was also an opportunity to indulge in a few "surprise" treats and to be part of an adventure for the family. After being offered a sampling from the plate of freshly baked chocolate chip cookies and a strong

"cuppa tea", the study team took turns "playing" between various questionnaires, collecting dust, urine and stool samples, room measurements and obtaining Annette's donation of breast milk. Two hours later after parting hugs and good byes were exchanged by all, we departed with our precious cargo in hand. A congratulatory moment punctuated by a "high five" was shared before the reality of traveling in Vancouver traffic set in. After processing the samples at Children's and Women's Hospital, we were reminded that each of these precious samples will always have a story behind them.

Many thanks to Jennifer Hogg, Sarah Yager, Rossitta Yung and Emily Rousseau for helping organize and prepare the home visit team of Huan Shu and Roxanne Rousseau, and Annette, Kate and Beth for making our visit so much fun.
Roxanne Rousseau (Study coordinator, Vancouver)

Vital next steps:

- * Visits with mother and father to complete Health, Environment and Nutrition questionnaires (Dec 2008)
- * Data entry from Pilot study (Dec 2008)
- * Analysis of Pilot data (Jan 2009)
- * Executive discussions (Jan 2009)
- * Protocol refinements and final SOPs (Jan 2009)
- * Ethics submissions of final documents and questionnaires (Jan 2009)