

PRINTO PROJECTS

	No. JSLE	No. JDM	MTX JIA
Argentina	50	35	1
Australia	1	2	
Austria		2	
Belgium	2	3	
Brasil	64	29	3
Bulgaria	15	3	
Canada	25	3	
Chile	8	3	9
Costa Rica	10	7	
Croatia	5	5	2
Cuba	7	1	
Czech Republic	7	5	
Denmark	6	3	
Finland	4	2	
France	11	11	
Germany	28	20	14
Greece	11	6	
Hungary	5	1	
India	6		5
Israel	20	4	2
Italy	91	33	5
Korea	5		
Kuwait			2
Latvia			3
Mexico	11	3	
Netherlands	10	17	34
N. Ireland	5	1	
Norway	2	5	
Poland	5	4	
Portugal	1	6	2
Russia			2
Saudi Arabia	2		
Serbia	23	6	9
Singapore	6	1	
Slovakia	12	3	2
Slovenia	4	1	
Spain	26	10	
Sweden	9	2	
Switzerland	3	11	
Turkey	20	6	
Un. Kingdom	18	23	11
USA	12	15	
Total	557	295	

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XII NEWSLETTER

12 PReS Congress 2005 Versailles France

Saturday September 17 (13.30-14.30)

Agenda for the annual PRINTO workshop

- Update on PRINTO activities (A. Martini)
- **NEW PRINTO Projects:** trials in juvenile systemic lupus erythematosus (JSLE) nephritis and juvenile dermatomyositis (JDM) (N. Ruperto)
- Update on PRINTO projects (N. Ruperto)
- Disease course of juvenile idiopathic arthritis after short-time versus long-time immunosuppressive therapy in clinical remission. (D Foell)

JSLE and JDM trials: you should have received in the past few weeks an **email request to participate** to the following trials:

- **JDM:** prednisone (PDN) versus PDN plus (MTX) versus PDN plus Cyclosporine A.
- **JSLE** class III-IV nephritis: PDN and oral cyclophosphamide (CYC) or high dose iv CYC or intermediate dose iv CYC followed by azathioprine

More information will be presented at the PRINTO workshop and available on the web.

New PRINTO web site at www.printo.it:

the PRINTO website has been completed renovated with easier navigational tools (including PRINTO publications) and a special section reserved to members where you can find details about on-going projects.

MTX withdrawal study: to determine if the time to discontinuation of MTX (6 versus 12 months) in JIA, after clinical remission, influence the time to relapse. A total of 106 patients have been enrolled (sample 200).

JSLE and JDM disease activity and damage study. A total of 557 JSLE and 295 JDM patients were collected from 41 countries (see next page).

IMPORTANT we are missing just the final 25% of data for the damage assessment phase. Data collection will continue until the end of 2005 for:

- **Visit 3 at least 1 year after baseline**
- **Visit 4 at least 2 years after baseline**

Please remember to send the case report forms (complete visits) by fax or mail.

Website for families final version in more than 50 languages available at www.pediatric-rheumatology.printo.it

At the end of June 2005 we reached 63,000 visitors per month (more than 2,000 people per day), from **130 different countries!**

In order for your centre to be listed on this site you have to complete the survey to be downloaded at the site home page.

PRINTO-América Latina Formación Académica (Alfa) fellowship (EU grant)

The candidates' selection is **over**. 28 scholarships to physicians have been awarded with 18 people already successfully completed their fellowship either in Europe or in Latin America.

Membership: 377 effective members in 208 centres from 46 countries.

Recent PRINTO publications

To see the PRINTO papers and ask for reprints go at www.printo.it and click on papers.

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