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# Association of Hemophilia Clinic Directors of Canada

Canadian Hemophilia Clinic Management Information System

## ***PROGRESS WITH MIS IMPLEMENTATION***

Since our first MIS Newsletter, progress with the MIS implementation process has occurred on several fronts. There have been meetings of both the full MIS Steering Committee and its core group and at McMaster, progress with the software development is on schedule. Following a Steering Committee teleconference on Thursday April 3, the expected schedule for MIS implementation now appears as follows.

Computer hardware for the MIS will likely be purchased by the middle of April and computers and printers will be shipped to the four pilot clinic testing sites and to the AHCDC Executive office by the end of April. Also by the end of April, six additional clinics will be approached to invite their participation as acceptance testing sites later this year. These sites will be announced at the AHCDC AGM in May.

The pilot testing process will begin in May and will involve the gradual introduction of several different MIS modules as they are developed by the McMaster Group. It is envisaged that Pilot testing will continue until the middle of August. We expect that this period of time will see frequent communications between each of the Pilot sites with both the Development Team in Hamilton and also with the AHCDC office. In addition, the Implementation Steering Committee will receive monthly progress reports from each of the pilot sites to enable regular updating on this process.

Between the middle of August and the end of September, additional revisions will be made to the MIS software before its release to the six acceptance testing sites at the beginning of October. Acceptance testing will occur over a 60 day period up to the middle of December. In addition to acceptance testing taking place in six clinic sites (one of which will be a french speaking clinic), this phase of testing will also involve the CBA office.

If this schedule proceeds to plan, installation of the MIS at the remaining hemophilia clinics will likely occur either at the very end of 1997 or, more likely, during the first few weeks of 1998.

The MIS will, of course, be one of the agenda items for discussion at the AHCDC Annual General Meeting in Toronto at the end of May. We will provide an update on the implementation process at that time and we will be able to address any specific questions that you might have about the details of this process.

## ***COMPETITION FOR PROVIDING A NAME FOR THE HEMOPHILIA CLINIC MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM***

As we announced in our first MIS Newsletter, we are looking for a new name for the hemophilia clinic

MIS. All suggestions should be forwarded to Andrea Vogel at the AHCDC Executive Office at least a week prior to the AGM in May. The entries will be judged by members of the MIS Steering Group and the winning entry will be announced during the AHCDC Annual General Meeting. The AHCDC president has assured us that the prize that will be awarded to the competition winner will be memorable!! (Yahoo).