The path to a cure is a long and winding one, with many different routes and detours. It all starts with research. Each idea or concept builds on the others, taking us closer and closer to better treatments and a cure. Many of today’s treatment protocols began 30 years ago as new research ideas funded by FARF.
Fanconi anemia (FA) is a genetic DNA repair disorder that may lead to bone marrow failure, leukemia, and cancer. It is caused by one of at least 22 genes. FA can affect all systems of the body. It is a complex and chronic disease that is psychologically demanding.

Psychosocial effects
- Hearing loss
- Oral cancer
- Head & neck cancer

Developmental delays

Hand & thumb abnormalities

Whole body:
- Abnormal blood counts
- Bone marrow failure
- Leukemia
- Dermatologic issues
- Hormone deficiency
- Short stature

People with FA may experience any combination of these symptoms, ranging from one to many.

We believe that research is the answer to making Fanconi anemia a treatable condition rather than a fatal disease. After years dedicated to gene identification, improving bone marrow transplantation, and uncovering connections to breast and other cancers, FA scientists are now also working to develop better therapies and strategies to prevent and treat cancer. FA research is in the process of unlocking the mysteries of DNA repair problems, which are at the root not only of FA, but of cancer.

Research has added years to the lives of people with FA. Decades ago, children rarely survived to adulthood. Now, there are adults with FA that live into their 30s, 40s and beyond.

Support. Education. Connection.

“This group has a wonderful amount of knowledge to share & will send you positive vibes when you lack strength. It’s a wonderful outlet for questions, information, love, and support throughout the journey.” - FA parent

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