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 23 genes. FA can affect all systems of the body. It is a complex and chronic disease that is psychologically demanding.

- Psychosocial effects
- Developmental delays
- Hearing loss
- Oral cancer
- Head & neck cancer
- Heart malformations
- Digestive difficulties
- Kidney & urinary tract malformations
- Reproductive issues
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People with FA may experience any combination of these symptoms, ranging from one, to many.

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.

Research grants
Clinical trials
Service grants

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.

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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David Nathan, MD, President Emeritus, Dana Farber Cancer Institute

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