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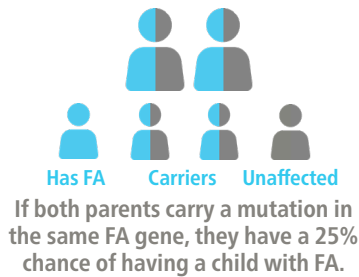
# FANCONI ANEMIA

### What is FA?

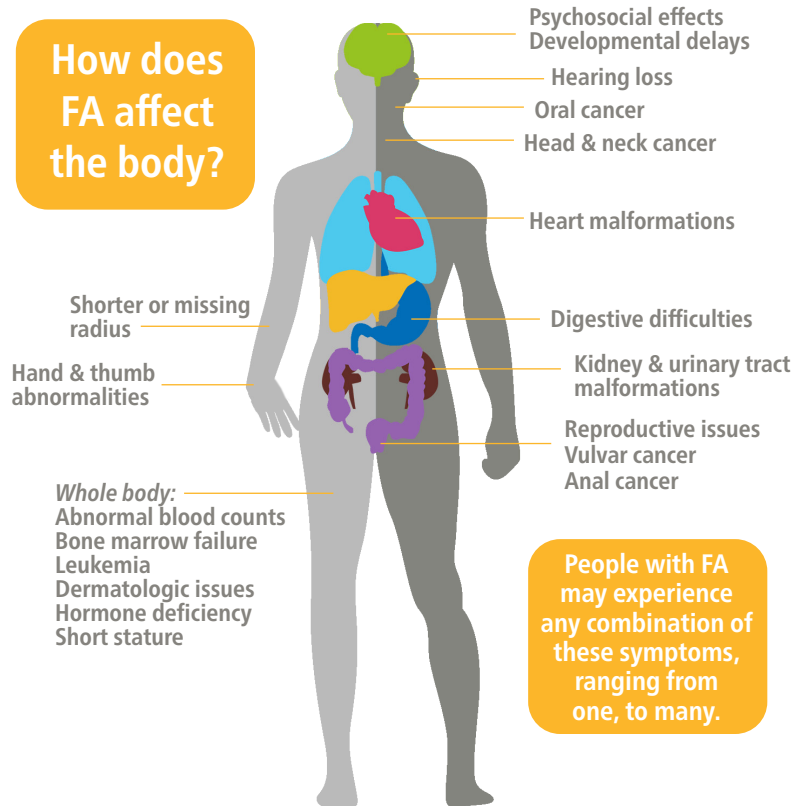
Fanconi anemia (FA) is a genetic DNA repair disorder that may lead to bone marrow failure, leukemia, and/or solid tumors (cancer). It is caused by one of at least 23 genes. FA can affect all systems of the body. It is a complex and chronic disease that is psychologically demanding.

**1 in 131,000**

FA occurs almost equally in males and females and is found in all ethnic groups. The likelihood of a child being born with FA is about 1 in 131,000 in the U.S., with approximately 31 babies born each year.



### How does FA affect the body?



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

### People are living longer

**More than half of the FA population registered with FARF is age 18 or over!**

### Here's why you should care

It's simple: children and adults with Fanconi anemia need research to live. Without research, they won't get the advances in treatment that they need to survive. Here's another big reason you should care: FA research benefits the rest of the population, too. Bone marrow transplants have become much safer & more effective because of studies with FA patients. At least five FA genes are also breast cancer susceptibility genes, meaning therapies developed for FA patients would benefit breast cancer patients, too. And, Fanconi anemia 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.

### Here's how FARF helps



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.



Thanks to research, the rate of successful bone marrow transplants has gone from 20% in the 1990s to over 90% today.



FARF provides support to individuals with FA and their families by way of educational resources, support groups, and family meetings.



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### Here's what needs to happen next

- Fund clinical trials aimed at treating and preventing cancers in people with FA
- Develop treatment plans for all stages of FA cancers, recognizing that chemotherapy and radiation can be toxic to FA cells
- Continue to fund research to make bone marrow transplants even safer, or, to prevent bone marrow failure altogether

# We need you.