

# Facing a cancer diagnosis?

The FARF Virtual Tumor Board is here to help

## What is the FARF Virtual Tumor Board?

The Fanconi Anemia Research Fund (FARF) Virtual Tumor Board (VTB) is a panel of physicians experienced with treating patients with Fanconi anemia (FA) who volunteer their time to discuss difficult FA solid tumor cases and offer treatment guidance. The specialists on the panel have expertise in otolaryngology, hematology oncology, radiation oncology, and medical oncology.

The VTB was developed to provide support to individuals with FA and their treating physicians, who may have less experience with treating cancer in individuals with FA. Members of the FARF VTB meet virtually with patients' treating physician(s) to review cases and provide input for treatment, from an FA-centric viewpoint. This process allows continued learning on how to best treat cancers associated with FA, which in turn may help others with similar diagnoses.

## How do I know if this service is for me?

Early intervention is essential when treating solid tumors in individuals with FA. If you are undergoing surveillance for a potential cancer, but have not yet been diagnosed, please contact FARF so that we can be poised to expedite the services of the VTB in the event of a diagnosis.

You can only have your case reviewed by the VTB if you have been diagnosed with cancer. The VTB does not convene for cases in which individuals are undergoing surveillance or testing for solid tumors, but have not yet been diagnosed.

## Do I participate in the VTB meeting?

The VTB meeting is a physician-to-physician discussion, patients do not participate. FARF will not provide a formal report on the meeting outcomes to you. Any treatment guidance provided by the VTB will be relayed to you by your treating physician.



## When should I request VTB services?

The FARF VTB program is most useful if you discuss the program with your treating physician immediately following a solid tumor diagnosis. If you and your treating physician agree that soliciting advice from the VTB would be advantageous for developing a treatment plan, either you or your treating physician should contact FARF directly. We will then coordinate with your physician to set up a VTB meeting to review your case.

Your FARF contact is Andrea Ronan:  
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## Do I have to pay for this service?

The physicians on the FARF VTB generously volunteer their time for this service, which FARF offers at no cost to you.

