# Rare to Relevant HOW FA RESEARCH DRIVES SCIENTIFIC PROGRESS

# **How FA lights the way**

Fanconi anemia (FA) is a rare genetic disorder — but the insights it offers are anything but rare. FA research is helping scientists solve some of the biggest questions in medicine, from bone marrow failure to the development of cancer.



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# **Cancer Biology**

#### **CANCER STARTS HERE**

Many of the faulty genes that cause FA are the same genes that drive the development of cancer in people without FA. Discoveries on FA cancer will shape cancer prevention, diagnosis, and treatment — for everyone.



### **DNA Repair**

#### THE BLUEPRINT FOR FIXING DNA

FA is one of the best-understood DNA repair disorders. Research has mapped the FA pathway, an essential system for maintaining healthy cells. This work informs treatments for cancer, aging, and inherited diseases.



# **Gene Therapy**

#### FROM THE LAB TO LIFE

FA research has paved the way for clinical advances, including gene therapy for genetic diseases. Lessons learned in FA are helping make these treatments safer and more effective.



# **Bone Marrow Failure and Blood Cancers**

#### **UNLOCKING SECRETS OF THE BLOOD**

Studying bone marrow failure in FA has led to new approaches for treating leukemia, myelodysplastic syndromes, and other blood cancers. It's also improving bone marrow transplant outcomes worldwide.



## **Broader Scientific Impact**

#### A MODEL FOR MEDICAL DISCOVERY

Because FA affects so many systems — cancer, genetics, hematology, reproduction, and more — it's a model disease that attracts multidisciplinary research. What we learn from FA benefits science as a whole.



#### FANCONI ANEMIA: UNIQUE DISEASE: UNIVERSAL CURES

FA shows the way to a better future for all of us.