






# TRACK-FA NEWSLETTER

TRACK-FA is a longitudinal natural history study that tracks brain and spinal cord changes in people with Friedreich's ataxia (FA). Our team of researchers from Australia, USA, Germany, Brazil and Canada, in collaboration with global industry partners, is investigating the sensitivity of neuroimaging biomarkers of FA to provide a basis to include them in future clinical trials.

In this study, we collect data from participants with FA and control participants at three timepoints: baseline, 12 months and 24 months. We gather a variety of information, including brain and spinal cord scans, as well as clinical, cognitive, speech, mood, and blood biomarker measures.

## AT A GLANCE

	Study Visit 1	Study Visit 2	Study Visit 3
<b>Data collection completion status</b>	 100%	 100%	 97%
<b>Eligible participants with complete datasets</b>	FA: 173 CONTROL: 95	FA: 157 CONTROL: 89	FA: 134 CONTROL: 83

We are pleased to announce that data collection is nearing completion for all TRACK-FA study visits. We are now processing the data to analyse brain, spinal cord, clinical, and cognitive changes over time. Please stay tuned for future updates and results during 2026.

We extend our deepest gratitude to all participants for the time and commitment you have given to this important study, and we wish you a safe, restful, and festive holiday season.



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