

# FINDING A CURE FOR FOP

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Chronic anaemia

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Burns

#### What is FOP?

Fibrodysplasia ossificans progressiva, or FOP, is one of the cruellest and most disabling genetic conditions known to medicine. It is a painful illness for which there is no treatment or cure. FOP causes the muscles and ligaments turn to bone, restricting the sufferer's movement. Over time FOP progressively imprisons their body in bone: *a healthy mind locked inside a frozen body.*

