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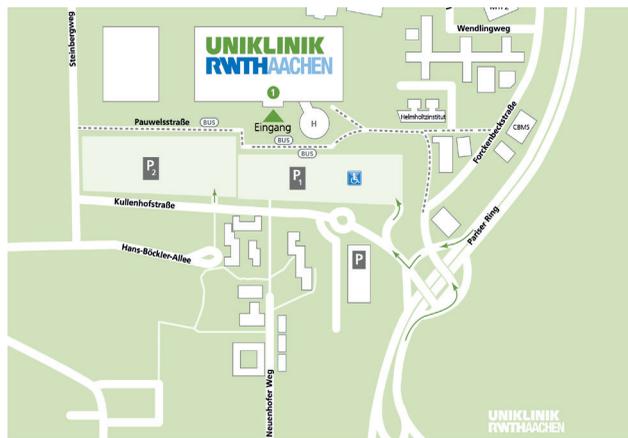
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## Arrival

For those arriving by car, the approach is via Kullenhofstraße. By bus you can reach us with the lines E, 3A, 3B, 4, 5, 32, 33, 45, 70, 73 and 80 of the ASEAG. For more information, please visit [www.avv.de](http://www.avv.de).



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## Information



## Research participants wanted

### TRACK-FA

A natural history study to track brain and spinal cord changes in **Friedreich-Ataxia**

Ladies and gentlemen,  
dear patients,

TRACK-FA is an international multi-centre neuroimaging study, which aims to assess 200 **children and adults** with Friedreich Ataxia worldwide as well as 100 healthy control participants over a period of two years.

The goal of this observational study is to improve our understanding of the natural disease history of Friedreich Ataxia, specifically related to changes in the brain and spinal cord. Using **magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)** in patients and healthy controls we aim to identify neuroimaging biomarkers that can be used to monitor treatment effects in future clinical trials.

TRACK-FA is a worldwide collaboration between six international sites, including the RWTH Aachen University (Germany), Monash University (Australia), University of Minnesota (USA), University of Campinas (Brazil), University of Florida (USA), and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (USA). The study is funded by the *Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance* (FARA) and industry partners.

With kind regards  
The TRACK-FA research team

## Study

TRACK-FA aims to investigate changes in the brain and spinal cord particularly at early stages of Friedreich Ataxia. Therefore, **children aged 5** or older as well as **adults** will be included in this study.

## Inclusion criteria

- ✔ Genetically confirmed Friedreich Ataxia
- ✔ Age of onset  $\leq$  25 years
- ✔ Disease duration  $\leq$  25 years
- ✔ No metallic implants (e.g., metallic braces, surgical implants, pacemaker)
- ✔ No pregnancy

## Assessments

- » Neurological assessments
- » Cognitive, speech and vision tests
- » Blood draw
- » Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI, ca. 2 h)

All assessments will take about 5-6 hours in total and will be done at **three annual visits** over a period of 24 months.

Participants will receive a compensation of **80 Euro** per visit. **Travel and accommodation costs** will be reimbursed.

If you are interested in this study and would like to participate, please get in touch with us:  
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