

Flight for the Cure

For Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva (FOP)

What is FOP?

- FOP replaces healthy muscles with normal bone
- Children with FOP appear normal at birth except for a malformation of the great toe
- Bridges of bone significantly restrict movement
- Trauma, surgery, bumps, falls and intra-muscular injections can result in explosive new bone growth. Any attempt to remove the extra bone accelerates the FOP process
- FOP affects 1 in 2 million people - currently there are only 400 confirmed cases worldwide

Research

- Research is led by Dr. Frederick Kaplan and his team at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School
- Finding multigenerational families where more than one person in the family has FOP is imperative to finding the FOP gene
- Osteoporosis, arthritis, heart valve and spinal cord injuries patients will also benefit from finding a cure for FOP

Pilots Dr. Edwin Galkin and Retired Eastern Airline Pilot Captain Richard Sollner of New Jersey want their flight to help our fight in raising awareness and funds for FOP. Their goal is to fly around the world on a single engine Cessna 210 Centurion for a 27,500-mile, 6-week flight starting on **July 3, 2004**. Our goal is to raise funds for each mile they fly.

You can log onto www.aroundtheworldagain.com or www.ifopa.org to follow the pilots' flight path and watch their webcam adventures or to learn more about the International FOP Association and FOP. The IFOPA would like to thank and recognize all the efforts that the United States Bone and Joint Decade Commission has made on our behalf to spread the word about FOP across the globe. Visit www.usbjd.org

Be a Part of this exciting Mission! Every cent counts on our trip around the world for FOP awareness. Thank you for your support.

In Search of a Cure,

Jeannie Peepers

President of the International FOP Association

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Sponsorship per mile:

___ 27,500 miles x .001 cent = \$ 27.50

___ 27,500 miles x \$.010 cent = \$275.00

___ *27,500 miles x \$0.10 = \$2750.00

___ I would like to donate \$ _____

*If you pledge \$2,750.00 or more, your logo or name will be made into a decal and put on the plane for the flight around the world. Please include camera-ready artwork. Deadline for this offer is June 15, 2004.

Make checks payable to: IFOPA, P.O. Box 196217, Winter Springs, FL 32719-6217

You can also contribute by credit card via the **Flight for the Cure** icon on our website at www.ifopa.org, by phone at 407-365-4194 or by mailing the credit card information to the above address.

Credit Card Authorization

Please charge my: Visa MasterCard AmEx

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