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Dear Dr.,

It is with great regret that after 25 years of serving as a reference laboratory for the chromosomal breakage test (DEB test) for diagnosis of Fanconi anemia, the Auerbach Laboratory at The Rockefeller University (Section of Cytogenetics, The Rockefeller University Hospital), will no longer be able to offer this service. The last date that blood samples may be shipped to our laboratory for testing of new patients is Monday, December 3, 2007. All samples shipped by that date will be analyzed and reports issued prior to the closing of the clinical diagnostic laboratory on Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Alternative laboratories offering DEB-testing can be found at the GeneTests website: <http://www.genetests.org>.

The Laboratory of Human Genetics and Hematology, Dr. Auerbach's research laboratory at The Rockefeller University will continue. The International Fanconi Anemia Registry (IFAR) and the Fanconi Cell and DNA Repository of biological material from FA families will continue to be maintained. Samples from Fanconi patients diagnosed elsewhere will still be collected for the Registry as in the past, for the study of complementation group. As in the past, we will perform confirmatory DEB testing on peripheral blood samples sent for derivation of lymphoblastoid cell lines (LCLs), to determine the degree of sensitivity and of mosaicism, as a prediction of whether the LCL will be sensitive for complementation testing.

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I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your loyal support of our laboratory.

Best regards,

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