

The story of the Fabry disease community ribbon

One use of the suffix "TION" is to indicate actions. This story tells about the actions of some of the people in the Fabry community to help us with our official ribbon.

Our official awareness color and ribbon have been a long time coming!



Over several years, small groups in the Fabry community had many discussions about an official color and an awareness ribbon, mostly on face book. Each time, we had good discussions and community input but we never brought the discussions to a decision. This was not because it was contentious. It was just because we needed a conversation among some of the Fabry support organizations with input from the international community (face book) to find a color and ribbon that would work for everyone.

Well, we finally did it in April 2016. Hooray! Our official color for participating organizations and individuals who would like to use it is a dark blue in the spirit of a denim blue color, the color used by some other organizations for rare diseases. On the PMS color chart the color is PMS 541.

The font and colors in the helix may vary somewhat among different organizations or individual uses but it should maintain its basic identity. For instance, the Canadian Fabry Association (CFA) said they will probably change the helix colors to their organization's color themes.

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[Jerry Walter](#) (NFDF) for his **COORDINATION** in helping to bring all the moving parts together.

Thank you to many of our international Fabry community members for their input and **PARTICIPATION**.

The art vector files used to make the ribbons and other products with the ribbon design are available to anyone through one of the organizations FSIG, CFA, NFDF, and others.

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