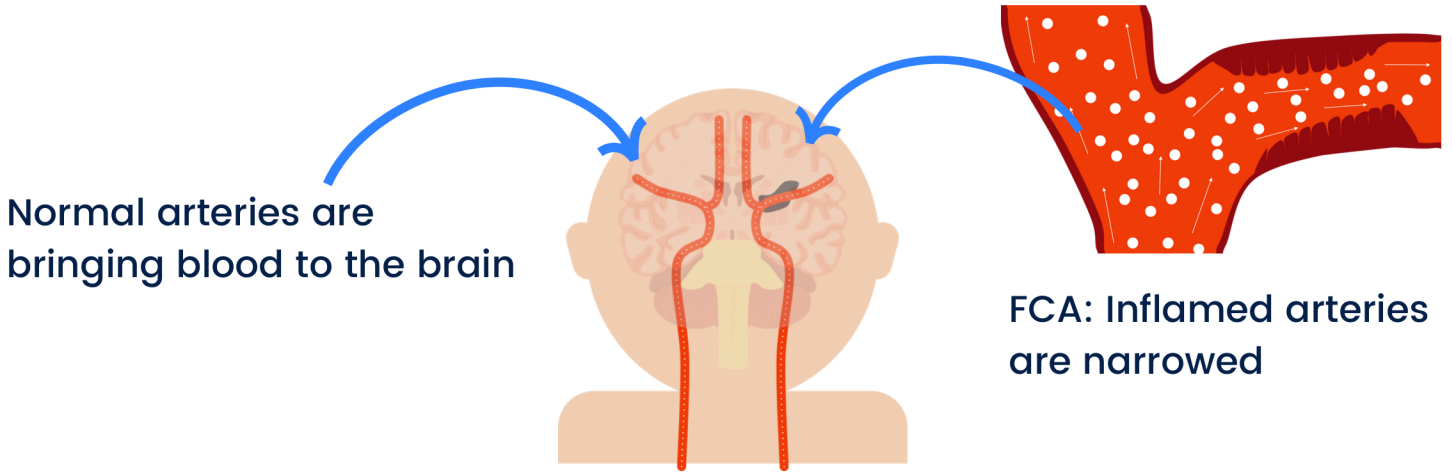
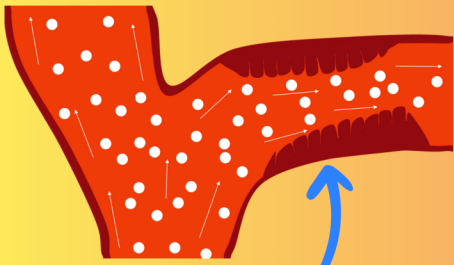


# Focal Cerebral Arteriopathy Steroid Trial

Your child might have Focal Cerebral Arteriopathy (FCA). FCA is inflammation of blood vessels in the brain of otherwise healthy kids.



FCA can be mild in the beginning

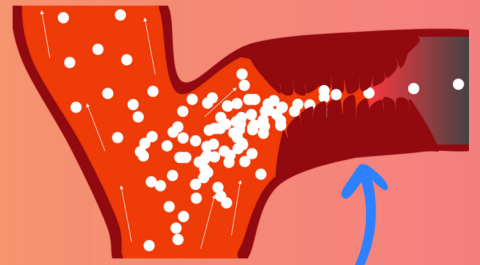


At this time, doctors are unsure: is this FCA?

3 to 7 days



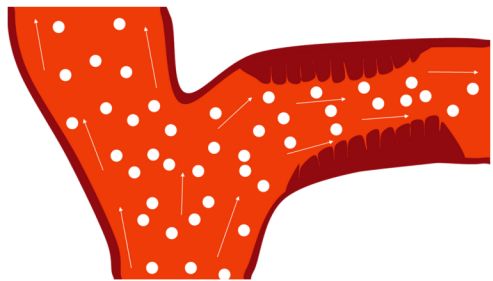
FCA can get worse over days



Now the doctors are sure: it is FCA!

Doctors use steroids to treat the inflammation but do not know when to start steroids.

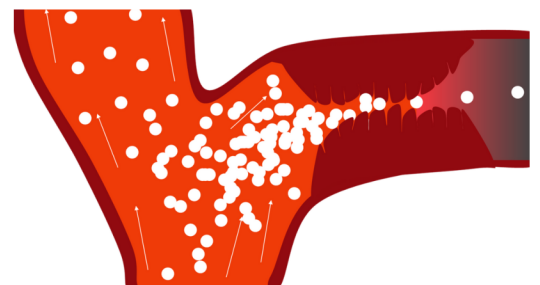
**A. Start now?**



3 to 7 days



**B. Start later?**



Pros

Early steroids might prevent worsening!

Pros

Now doctors are sure of the FCA diagnosis!

Cons

But the child might not have FCA! That means the steroids might not help them.

Cons

But the blood vessels are more narrow, so could cause more brain injury?

In this study, a computer will randomly decide instead of the doctor deciding A or B. The child will have an equal chance of either option, like a coin toss.

