

Voyage Beads

What are CURE Voyage Beads?

CURE Voyage Beads are a visual way for children to record their voyage through cancer treatment. Beads of various colors and shapes, each representing a particular treatment or procedure, are strung on a necklace. For example, the red bead represents a blood transfusion while a white bead represents a chemo treatment. Children will add beads as they go through treatment and will build a tangible documentation of their journey.

How do CURE Voyage Beads work?

Children who wish to participate in the program will be given a length of string or cord strung with beads that spell their first name. Colored beads representing treatments and procedures will be available to add to the necklace.



Do I have to participate?

No! Participation in the CURE Voyage Beads program is completely voluntary. You can start or stop at any time. The program is meant to be interesting and fun.

Do I have to be a certain age to participate?

CURE children ages five and over can participate. Because of the hazard small beads can pose we ask that parents of children under five handle the beads and wear the necklace for their child.

Can I modify the program to fit my child's needs?

Yes! The CURE Voyage Beads program is meant to be flexible. If you child would prefer to collect and display their beads in a way other than on a necklace, they will be encouraged to do so. The idea is for children to be able to tell their unique treatment story in their own way.

How do I receive my beads?

A supply of beads will be available at the Outpatient Clinic at Golisano's Children's Hospital at Strong, and through CURE's Parent Advocate.

Voyage Beads Defined



**Special Choice Bead-
Birthday on Treatment**



**Brown Bead-
Hospital Admit**



**Red Bead-
Blood Transfusion**



**Pink Bead-
Lumbar Puncture**



**Blue Bead-
Bone Marrow Aspirate**



**Turquoise Bead-
PICU/ICU Admit**



**Special Choice Bead-
Bone Marrow Transplant**



**Yellow Bead-
Radiation**



**Tube Bead-
Central Line In**



**Special Choice Bead-
Stem Cell Harvest**



**Star Bead-
Central Line Out**



**Special Choice Bead-
Surgery**



**White Bead-
Chemo**



**Black Bead-
Terrible, Horrible,
Very Bad Day**



**Special Choice Bead-
End of Treatment**



**Green Bead-
Test/Scans**



**Special Choice Bead-
Finish Induction**



**Orange Bead-
Trip to Emergency**



**Ying Yang Bead-
Hair Loss**



**Heart Bead-
Very, Very Good Day**



Beads marked with this logo have been custom-designed and hand made for CURE by artists from Studio 34 Creative Arts Learning Center, LLC.



A meaningful way to support children and families in their cancer voyage.

CURE's Mission

CURE Childhood Cancer Association: Improving the lives of families coping with childhood cancer or chronic blood disorders by providing emotional, educational and financial assistance.

"Your child has cancer." Families who hear those words live in a world transformed by disease. Daily life is filled with fear, confusion, stress, and emotional turmoil. No medical treatment can cure these afflictions. World-class medical care is available in the Rochester area, but patients and families need more than this to cope with chronic, life-threatening, and terminal childhood diseases.



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