# Use of Bravery Beads in Paediatric Oncology

**Sites where Local Guideline applies**: JHCH

**This Local Guideline applies to**: J1 and Paediatric Oncology Day Unit - JHCH

1. **Adults**: No
2. **Children up to 16 years**: Yes
3. **Neonates – less than 29 days**: No

**Target audience**: Nursing, medical and allied health staff

**Description**: The procedure for the use of reward beads in JHCH Oncology

## Keywords
- Beads, Bravery, Reward, Paediatric, Oncology

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- JHCH 11.14

## Replaces existing document?
- Yes

## Registration number and dates of superseded documents
- JHCH 11.14 2009

## Related Legislation, Australian Standard, NSW Ministry of Health Policy Directive or Guideline, National Safety and Quality Health Service Standard (NSQHSS) and/or other, HNE Health Document, Professional Guideline, Code of Practice or Ethics:


## Prerequisites (if required)
- N/A

## Local Guideline note

This document reflects what is currently regarded as safe and appropriate practice. The guideline section does not replace the need for the application of clinical judgment in respect to each individual patient but the procedure/s require mandatory compliance. If staff believe that the procedure/s should not apply in a particular clinical situation they must seek advice from their unit manager/delegate and document the variance in the patients health record.

If this document needs to be utilised in a Non-JHCH Area please liaise with the Paediatric Oncology Service to ensure the appropriateness of the information contained within the Guideline and Procedure.

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- No

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- 2018
RISK STATEMENT

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<th>There is a potential for choking/strangulation and the process of delivery of the beads will ensure they are collected and kept safely for children under three years of age, by a Parent/Caregiver.</th>
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| Risk Category: | Clinical Care & Patient Safety |

GUIDELINE

This Guideline does not replace the need for the application of clinical judgment in respect to each individual patient.

Bravery Beads in Paediatric Oncology

At the start of treatment, each child will receive coloured beads that spell their first name. The child will then collect beads each time they are in hospital for treatment. The beads are a way of documenting the child and family’s journey and experiences.

If the child is under 3 years of age the beads can ONLY be given to Parent/Carer for safekeeping.

Parents/Caregiver will be given a Bead Colour Legend (lists what the different beads represent) that also identifies the risks for children under the age of 3 years of age.

Beads are to be given to child by nursing staff only and parents/caregivers to be advised of the risks if their child is under the age of 3 years of age.

IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING COMPLIANCE

The owners/developers of the document will:

1. Ensure all additional nursing staff who will be delivering bravery beads will be orientated to this guideline and safety issues; and
2. Will monitor for any concerns or issues with the process that is raised by staff or families and will report to the oncology team

FEEDBACK

Any feedback on this document should be sent to the Contact Officer listed on the front page.

APPROVAL

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