

Local Guideline



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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

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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:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Australian Competition & Consumer Commission, Product Safety Australia: Safety Recommendations for Toys for Children under 3. Available online at http://www.productsafety.gov.au/content/index.phtml/itemId/974764/fromItemId/971502 Australian Safety Standards Available online at http://www.standards.org.au/Pages/default.aspx NSW Health Policy Directive 2014_036 Clinical Procedure Safety http://www0.health.nsw.gov.au/policies/pd/2014/pdf/PD2014_036.pdf 	
Prerequisites (if required)	N/A
Local Guideline note	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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RISK STATEMENT

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.

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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