



**Mum-dad
bead**
*sometimes parents
also need a Mutperlen bead*



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COURAGE



**The threaded
patient history**



Child's name
letter beads



Starter
beads anchor
and snail



Fitting a cateter
little animal bead

Difficult medication
capsule-shaped bead



Dressing change
round white bead

Eye drop with an eye
(starter bead)



Following days
teardrop-shaped bead



Parents can use the beads to better prepare their children for the upcoming treatments.

The various interventions become "visible". Thanks to the cord, everyone can see the point that the patient is currently at in their treatment.

IL-2 antibody therapy
Immu-Globi starter bead



Following days
yellow bead days
without IL-2



Days with IL-2 yellow
and blue bead

Finger prick
little red pearl



Imaging
transparent bead with
coloured centre



Monitor
stone bead



Radiotherapy
Radio-Robby
starter bead





Super day
Smiley



Bad day
Monster



Neutropenic fever
white bead with red vertebrae



Chemotherapy
Chemo-Kasper starter bead



Following days
green beads



Hair loss
bald head



Central catheter
white barrel with a serpentine line and two coloured dots



Treatment with Neupogen
Neupoly starter bead



Following days blue and white bead



The young patients hang their often meter-long chains clearly visible on the bed or on the drip stand. It is a good conversation starter and thanks to the beads relatives and friends can recognise what the owners have been through. This enables outsiders to better understand how much courage the child has already shown in fighting the disease.

Most patients keep their chain like a treasure or decorate their room with it even after the treatment has been completed.



Following days blue beads



Bone marrow puncture
bead with dots



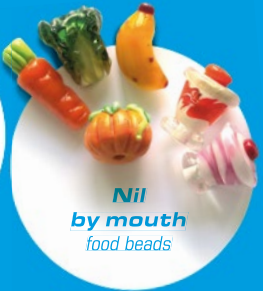
Lumbar puncture
round bead with rising points



Operation
lucky ladybird

Emergency admission
frog prince

Various treatments
assorted beads

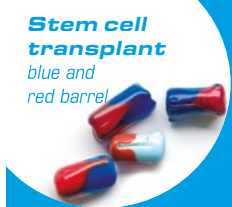


Nil by mouth
food beads

Isolation
barrel with dots



Stem cell transplant
blue and red barrel



Stem cell collection
white and pink notched bead with dots



Thromboembolism prophylaxis
Seppli injection



Injection series
following days black bead with white dot
(painful injection series)



A Mutperlen chain can also be something precious for parents. It stands for an individual and personal time that you have gone through with your child.



Each bead is unique and lovingly handcrafted by our beadmakers. This means that every chain is one of a kind. They tell the story of each child's illness and create a form of diary throughout the treatment.

EC transfusion
red spiral barrel



Platelet transfusion
yellow spiral barrel



Relapse
white and black with green dots



Intensive care
unit rainbow lens





Mucositis
tongue bead

Birthday lens
with little animals

End of treatment
guardian angel

Through the course of the disease, children and teenagers receive a bead as a small reward for each treatment. The young patients look forward to the next bead and this gives the respective procedure a different, less threatening status. Fears can fade into the background due to the anticipation of the "reward".

With the Mutperlen Switzerland project, we have taken up an idea that already exists in America under the title "Beads of Courage" and which was originally started in Canada. Impressed by the idea, we developed a programme tailored to Switzerland in 2012 and since 2013 our programme has been featured in all the hospitals with paediatric oncology units across German-speaking Switzerland.

When they are admitted to an oncological ward for the first time, young cancer patients receive a cord with the child cancer aid snail, their first name made of coloured letter beads and an anchor bead as a symbol of hope.

In the following months, depending on the therapy and examinations, a wide variety of beads will be added as :

Reward

Reminder

Means of communication

Laying probes
barrel with purple edges

Administering feed
tube purple bead

