

The Cancer Journey

From diagnosis, to treatment, to after treatment – your child may endure ups and downs, overcome challenges, and celebrate milestones. Everyone's cancer journey is unique and should be celebrated and honored. Our Journey Bead Program allows your child to document, with beads, these stops on the journey. Over time, the necklace will tell your child's story of their journey.

To donate to the Journey Bead Program:
email promedica.foundation@promedica.org
or call 419-291-0137.

"YOU ARE STRONGER THAN YOU
SEEM, BRAVER THAN YOU BELIEVE,
AND SMARTER THAN YOU THINK."

- A.A. MILNE



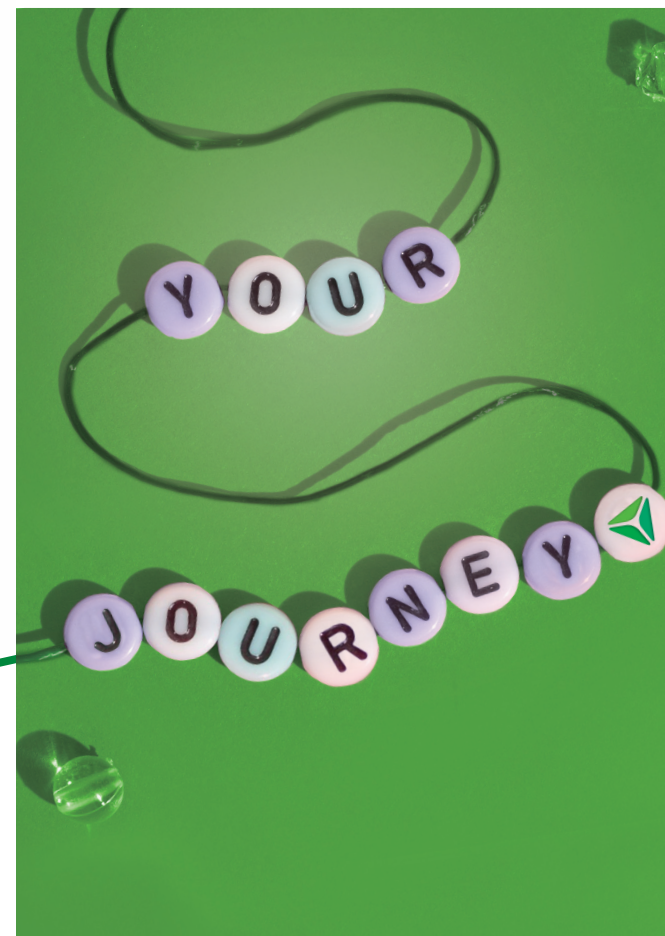
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HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF THE TYPES OF MILESTONES AND BEADS:

What are the benefits of Journey Beads?

Journey beads help the child:

- Understand that their treatment is a journey.
- Remember what they have been through.
- Stay positive and recognize their strengths.
- Talk about their treatment. Beads help them tell their story to family, friends and classmates.

Journey beads help parents and their family:

- Understand the treatment and procedures that are part of your child's care.
- Recognize your child's strengths and successes.
- Talk about your child's treatment. Beads ease the stress of explaining your child's progress.
- Reflect upon what your child and family has gone through yet stay positive.

THE JOURNEY BEAD PROGRAM: HOW DOES IT WORK?

The Journey Bead Program is completely voluntary. If you wish to participate, please let your oncology healthcare team member know and they will help you get started. Your child will initially receive beads with the letters of their name and a necklace cord. After each milestone, your child can select a bead to add to the necklace. Each type of bead represents a different milestone on the journey.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- We recommend that parents collect beads and wear the necklace for children under 5 years old.
- Necklaces should be worn with proper supervision to avoid choking.
- Beads should not be worn while children are sleeping, or sedated.

