



patient puppets



Medical demonstration puppets and equipment for educating and comforting children

patient puppets

adaptations



pumping heart with greater vessels



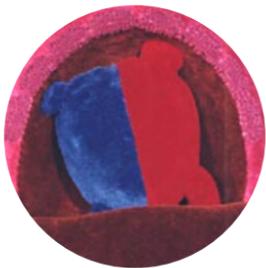
exposable brain



set of teeth



inflatable lungs



pumping heart



spine with brace



exposable spine



lower abdominal organs with enlarged kidney and ureter



Ilizerov and Wagner

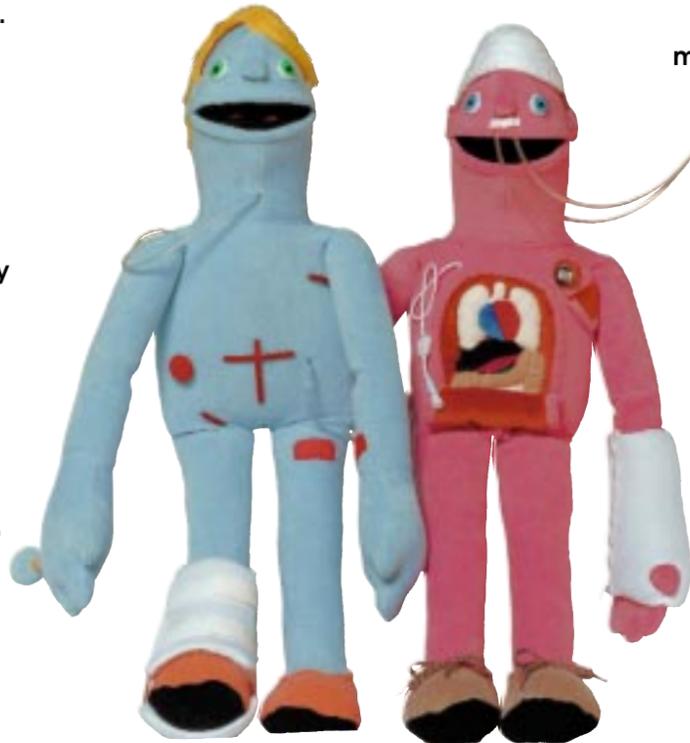


amputated foot and prosthesis



hemophilic knee joint healthy knee joint

patient puppets, inc. is about educating and comforting children who are experiencing medical or crisis intervention. Our puppets are used by child life specialists, recreational therapists, nurses, doctors, social workers and counsellors to provide information, support and reassurance to children.



Over 100 medically correct adaptations available.

Each patient puppet is custom made to order.

We are always interested in designing new features to meet your needs.

patient puppets are:

- ✓ child-sized 82 cm (32") tall
- ✓ made of soft velour and foam
- ✓ anatomically correct
- ✓ custom made to your specifications
- ✓ durable
- ✓ hand sewn, double stitched
- ✓ treated with fabric protector – easy to wipe clean, can be gas sterilized
- ✓ tested and proven effective



patient puppets have:

- ✓ over 100 medically correct adaptations available
- ✓ a bed/storage box
- ✓ street clothing or hospital gown
- ✓ storage pocket on the back of leg for removable items
- ✓ an instruction booklet
- ✓ a guarantee of quality, hand-crafted construction

While some puppets are purchased through the hospital operating budget, many are donated by parents, service clubs and hospital auxiliaries. Your puppet can be named in memory of someone special or in honor of a donor.

patient puppets pals



Designed to be given to the children, patient puppet pals are a miniature (18 cm / 7" tall) versions of our full size puppets. Often the children become very attached to our puppets and patient puppet pals are just the right size for little hands to hold on to.



For further information please see our web site at

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about patient puppets

patient puppets hospital equipment and uniforms



Since 1982, **patient puppets, inc.** has manufactured and distributed over 1300 special friends, world wide. Initially developed and designed in conjunction with the Child Life Department of Winnipeg's Children's Hospital, our list of adaptations has grown to meet the needs of our customers. We have over 100 adaptations available and are always interested in designing new features.

patient puppets have the same illness as the child. They can act as a role model to demonstrate the medical procedures. Strategically placed openings in the puppet's velour exterior reveal internal features. Children understand what you are telling them because they can actually see the procedures performed on the puppets. The soft foam construction and friendly appearance provide for calming hugs.

In crisis situations, **patient puppets** can be that special friend with whom the child can share fears and anxieties. **patient puppets** simplify and reinforce the information you wish to communicate. The puppets help to reduce children's fears, lessen their anxieties and encourage expression of their feelings.

Children in hospitals and clinics need more than words to help them understand their medical conditions and treatments. A **patient puppet** can be a comforting friend.



Our hospital equipment and uniforms have been designed for medical play in playrooms and clinics. We have designed hospital beds, examination tables, scanners and support equipment that are the perfect size for **patient puppets** as well as dolls and teddy bears. Our **hospital uniforms** are child size and designed so the children can role play as doctors or nurses. The authentic looking **hospital equipment and uniforms** encourage the children to be more comfortable with the hospital environment.



CT/MRI Scanner



Examination table with sliding top



I.V. Pole



Hospital bedside/operating room table



Hospital bed/stretcher with adjustable head and linens



Hospital stool



Lab coat Greens (top & bottom)



Nurse's top



“ Medical puppet play is the ideal solution in many cases. ... It is used to convey medical information in a simple, non-threatening manner to toddlers, preschoolers and older children. By identifying with the puppets, they are more likely to ask questions and express their feelings. The puppets are used not only as a preparatory tool, but also to help children recover from surgery or a challenging medical intervention... " Allan wanted the puppet to feel like he did. He vented a lot of anger," explains Hébert. "For a period of ten days, he subjected Simon (the puppet) to the same treatment given to him. Allan's anger gradually subsided...."

Interview in Centre universitaire de santé McGill, ensemble Vol.1 No.2 July/Aug. 1997

Ann Hébert
Child Life Specialist
The Montreal Children's Hospital
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I was 8 years old when I got cancer. When I was starting treatments I got a puppet as a gift. I named her **Anna**. Sometimes to help me do my medicine my mom or dad would give **Anna** medicine and then it would help me take my medicine. **Anna** had a central line just like me, I could give her medicine in her line. That was pretty cool! When I lost my hair she would lose her hair too. When I was sad because of all the medicine I had to take I would talk to her and it would make me feel better. Even though I am done treatment **Anna** still sleeps beside me every night and continues to be my friend.

Hannah Doucet

Our most touching use of the puppet was with a 5 year old boy with medulloblastoma. He was frightened and upset, and receiving chemotherapy. Our puppet's name is Larry and our patient learned how to go through his treatment using the puppet for role play... I do not think that this little boy would have made it through treatment without the puppet. We thank you so much for your hard work. In addition to using the puppet with children, he brings a smile to the faces of adults and is really a kind of mascot.

Kappy Finstuen, R.N., OCN
Radiation Oncology
Deaconess Medical Center
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This "state of the art" medical play equipment looks like the real thing! The kids are so drawn to it, probably because it speaks to their intelligence. It allows children the opportunity to share their personal experiences, express their feelings, assimilate information, and continue to learn more about cancer and treatment. A profound learning tool, one that can be solely child directed.

Dawn Kidder CCLS
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