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*Perfection: take once daily. Use as directed*

aqua quartz, vintage gold chain, 14ct gold findings, plastic pill bottles, rope, glass beads

Jewelry made of rare stones and precious metals has always served as a status symbol. As society evolves its sense of what embodies beauty and worth, a powerful and surprising contender is what we put IN our bodies rather than what we put ON them.

For some, botox injections, teeth whiteners, diet pills, and wrinkle-reducing creams produce the same sense of confidence and satisfaction once reserved for diamond earrings or a pearl necklace.

This piece juxtaposes prescription pills with a glamorous chain and stones to represent society's view that these items are equal in their ability to create beauty.

Ultimately, the two items together do not succeed in conveying the utmost in elegance. To the contrary, they are reminiscent of the candy necklaces of yester year. Begging the question, is all this hype over preserving youth just child's play?

*\*exempt from competition*

