

# Dr. Mario: Miracle Cure

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Also, before using this software, please select  in the HOME Menu and carefully review content in "Health and Safety Information." It contains important information that will help you enjoy this software.

You should also thoroughly read your Operations Manual, including the "Health and Safety Information" section, before using this software.

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This software allows you to battle against other players online, as well as view rankings. To learn more, please refer to the information about online battles (page 9).

- ◆ Refer to your Operations Manual for information about connecting your system to the Internet.

This software supports Nintendo Network.



Nintendo Network is the name of Nintendo's network service that enables users to enjoy games and other content via the Internet.

### Protecting Your Privacy

- To protect your privacy, do not give out personal information, such as last name, phone number, birth date, age, school, e-mail, or home address when communicating with others.
- Friend codes are a part of a system that allows you to play with people you know. If you exchange friend codes with strangers, there is a risk you could share information with people you do not know or

exchange messages that contain offensive language. We therefore recommend that you do not give your friend codes to people you don't know.

You can restrict use of the following features by adjusting the options in Parental Controls.

- Online Interaction

Restricts online battles with other players, as well as the viewing of rankings (page 9).

- ◆ Access to this game (as well as other games) can also be restricted through the **Software Rating** item in Parental Controls.
- ◆ Refer to your Operations Manual for information on how to set up Parental Controls.



Dr. Mario: Miracle Cure is a puzzle game in which you eliminate viruses in a bottle using capsules. With the help of miracle cures (page 12), you can eliminate lots of viruses all at once and make dramatic recoveries even when all hope seems lost. This game's Local Match feature supports both Local Play and Download Play. This enables you to play matches with people who own systems in the Nintendo 3DS family regardless of whether they own the software (page 10).




To begin, first select an option from the main menu.




## Main Menu

### Miracle Cure Laboratory (page 7)




Here you can experiment in a variety of specially designed single-player stages and learn how to use the different miracle cures.

### Custom Clinic (page 8)




Here you can play alone or face off against the CPU after configuring various settings to customize your experience.

### Online Battle (page 9)



This option allows you to connect to Nintendo Network, where you can battle other players who also own the game.

### Local Match (page 10)




This option allows you to use wireless communication to battle other players or team up to eliminate viruses cooperatively.

## Options

Here you can configure various game settings.

### Quick Drop

If this option is on, you can press  to make capsules fall immediately.

◆ This setting has no effect during Virus Buster games.

### Capsule Ghost Image

If this option is on, a ghost image will appear over the spots where capsules will fall.

◆ This setting has no effect during Virus Buster games.

### Writing Hand

Adjust this setting to indicate the hand with which you write. This will orient the display in a comfortable way during Virus Buster games.



## Game Modes

### Dr. Mario

In this mode, you eliminate viruses using basic capsules.

### Dr. Luigi

In this mode, you eliminate viruses

using L-shaped capsules (L-capsules).



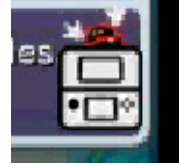
## Virus Buster

In this mode, you use touch controls to maneuver capsules and eliminate viruses.

- ◆ For this mode, you will need to hold your system vertically.



This game saves automatically. Whenever game data is being saved, an icon of a Nintendo 3DS system and a virus will appear at the bottom-right corner of the Touch Screen.



Data can be lost due to user action, such as repeatedly powering off and on the system or removing a Game Card or SD Card while saving. Data loss may also be caused by poor connectivity due to dirt or dust in the system's ports. Please be aware that in these cases data cannot be restored.

The stages found here give you opportunities to experiment with the various miracle cures.



Begin by choosing a stage from the Training, Basic, or Advanced area. Pink buttons represent Dr. Mario stages, green buttons represent Dr. Luigi stages, and blue buttons represent vs. stages that pit you against the CPU. In all stages, the goal is to clear all of the viruses out of your bottle.

The Training area is a great place to practice the fundamentals, learn different techniques, and try out the miracle cures for the first time. The Basic area builds on these concepts with slightly harder stages, while the Advanced area offers greater challenges.

- ◆ Virus Buster is not available in the Miracle Cure Laboratory.



Simply configure the settings to customize your game, and you're ready to play!

Select Records to view your scores, total play time, and other information.

- ◆ Please note that miracle cures and alternate game types are not available for Virus Buster.



## Configuring Settings



① Select a game mode.



② Select whether to enable miracle cures.



③ Select a game type.

The game types that are available will change depending on whether or not miracle cures are enabled.

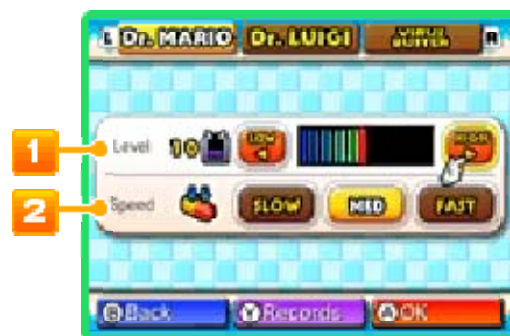
Endless  
(Available if  
miracle  
cures are  
enabled.)

Viruses will continue to appear regularly from the bottom of the bottle. See how long you can play before getting a game over.

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Classic<br>(Available if miracle cures are disabled.) | Your game ends when you clear all of the viruses in a stage from your bottle or get a game over. |
| Vs. CPU<br>(Always available.)                        | Win either by clearing all of your viruses first or by holding out until the CPU loses.          |

#### ④ Adjust final settings.

If you have selected a Classic, Vs. CPU, or Virus Buster game, you can adjust some final settings to change the difficulty before the game begins.



##### **1** Level

Use this setting to adjust how many viruses will be in the bottle. A higher level means more viruses.

##### **2** Speed

Use this setting to adjust the speed at which capsules fall.

- ◆ For Virus Buster games, a speed is selected by choosing between three difficulty options.



 Online Battles (Internet) 

You can engage in online battles with players from around the world via Nintendo Network.

- ◆ Virus Buster cannot be played online.

 Starting an Online Battle

To initiate an online battle, select Online Battle from the main menu, and choose a game mode. The game will then search for a battle partner whose rating is close to your own. Once an opponent is found, your battle will begin.

- ◆ You start with a default rating of 5,000. If no opponent with a rating close to yours is available, you may be matched with an opponent whose rating is further from your own.

 Rankings

Here you can view the rankings and your ratings.

Top  
Players

View the players who fill the top 100 positions in the rankings for each kind of online battle.

Your  
Position

View your position in the rankings and the positions of those around you for each kind of online battle.

Your  
Ratings

View your current rating for each kind of online battle.



## 10 Local Matches

### Local Play and Download Play

Local matches can be played via Local Play and Download Play. Several different types of local vs. matches are possible. In Virus Buster, cooperative local matches are also possible.

- Select **Local Play** to play with someone who also has the game.
- Select **Download Play** to play with someone who does not have the game.

### Requirements:

- Each player must own a system in the Nintendo 3DS family.
- For Local Play, both players must own the game.
- For Download Play, one player (the host) must own the game.

### Procedure

#### Host System (Local Play/ Download Play)



1. Choose either Local Play or Download Play.
2. If you chose Local Play, select

Invite.

3. Configure the game settings.
  - ◆ Virus Buster is the only mode that supports both vs. and co-op play.

### Client System (Local Play)

1. Select Local Play.
2. Select Join.
3. Select your host's name when it is displayed.

### Client System (Download Play)

1. Select the Download Play icon on the HOME Menu, and then tap Open.
2. Select the Nintendo 3DS logo.
3. Tap the name of the software.
  - ◆ A system update may be required. If so, follow the on-screen instructions to update your system. If you see the message, "The connection was interrupted," and the system update fails, try updating the system via **System Settings**. For detailed instructions, refer to the "System Update" page within your system's operations manual.



 Menu Controls

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| Select item      | ○/+ |
| Confirm          | Ⓐ   |
| Cancel / Go back | Ⓑ   |
| Switch menus     | Ⓘ/Ⓡ |

- ◆ Menus can also be navigated using touch controls.

 Controls during Stages

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| Move capsule           | ○/+   |
| Rotate capsule         | Ⓐ (clockwise)<br>Ⓑ (counterclockwise)                       |
| Drop capsule faster    | Hold down +   |
| Instantly drop capsule | +<br>◆ This only works if Quick Drop is enabled in Options. |
| Display Pause menu     | START / SELECT  |

- ◆ During Virus Buster games, tap a capsule to rotate it and drag and drop a capsule to move it.



All game modes share the same basic rules and objective: as the capsules enter the bottle and fall, line them up with like-colored viruses in order to exterminate them. Once all viruses have been removed from the bottle, the current stage is cleared.

- ◆ During an Endless game, viruses will keep appearing in the bottle until you get a game over. The goal is not to clear the bottle completely, but to see how long you can last.

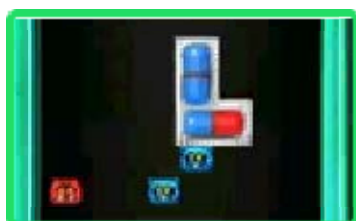


### Eliminating Viruses

Move and rotate the capsules as they fall so that they come to rest next to, on top of, or just below viruses of the same color. When you vertically or horizontally align four or more pieces of the same color (capsule pieces and/or virus pieces), they will form a set and all disappear.



### Vertical Elimination



## Horizontal Elimination



## Game Over

If capsules stack up to the top of the bottle, your game will end.



## Miracle Cures

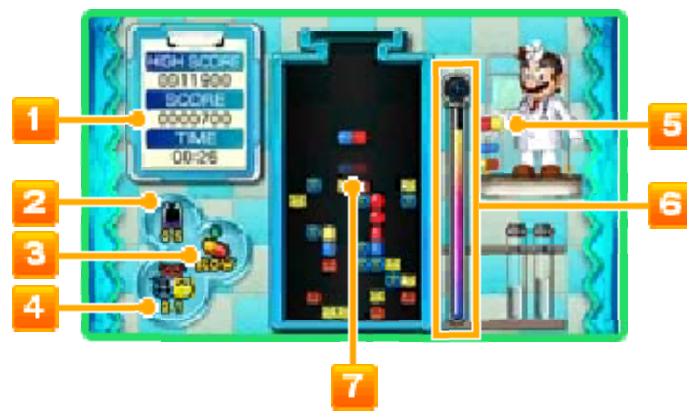
If miracle cures are enabled, the miracle-cure meter (page 13) will be displayed on the game screen. This meter fills as the game progresses. Once it's completely full, the indicated miracle cure will appear and drop. There are many types of miracle cures, each with a different effect (page 15).





## Dr. Mario/Dr. Luigi Game Screen

Please note that the screenshot below is from a Miracle Cure Laboratory stage featuring Dr. Mario mode.



### 1 Score and Time

Max  
Eliminated

The highest number of viruses you have eliminated.

Eliminated

The number of viruses you have eliminated during the current stage.

High  
Score

Your highest score for the stage you are playing.

Score

Your current score.

Time

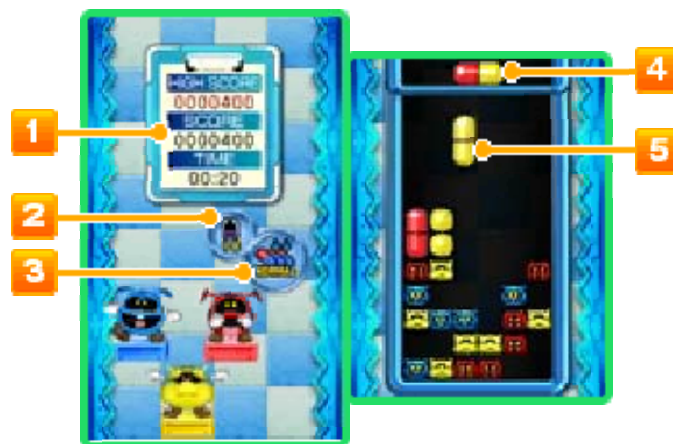
Time elapsed since the start of the game.

◆ Max Eliminated and Eliminated are only displayed for the Endless

game type.

- 2 Level
- 3 Speed
- 4 Remaining viruses
- 5 Next capsule
- 6 Miracle-cure meter (page 12)
- 7 Capsule ghost image

### Virus Buster Game Screen



- 1 Score and Time
- 2 Level
- 3 Difficulty
- 4 Next capsule
- 5 Current capsule

## Pause Menu

The Pause menu's options allow you to resume, start over, or quit the current stage.



## 14 Techniques



### Dr. Mario/Dr. Luigi Techniques

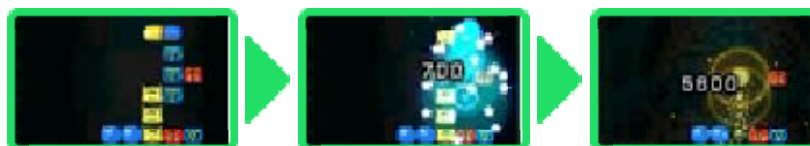
You can eliminate many viruses simultaneously by using techniques called chains and combos. During two-player battles, getting chains and combos will send capsule pieces into your opponent's bottle, cluttering up his or her playing field.

- ◆ During Dr. Luigi two-player matches, pay special attention to which colors will be most difficult for your opponent to place.



### Chains

When sets of viruses and capsules disappear, any remaining capsule pieces will drop, potentially causing other like-colored capsules and viruses to line up, form sets, and disappear as well. Clearing sets one after the other like this is called a chain.



### Combos

Score combos by eliminating two or more sets at once.



- ◆ If miracle cures are enabled, eliminating viruses and capsules will make the miracle-cure meter fill up more quickly.



## Virus Buster Techniques

After clearing a set in Virus Buster, you can move any falling capsule pieces that remain in the same way that you move whole capsules. If you drag a capsule or capsule piece very quickly during a Virus Buster game, you can slide it through viruses and other capsules. This technique makes it possible to fill in open spaces that otherwise seem unreachable.



When the miracle-cure meter is completely filled, the miracle cure indicated at its top will appear as the next drop into the bottle.

### Capsule Blasters

To use one of these miracle cures, line it up with viruses and capsules to form a set that matches its color.



Capsule Blaster R  
Clears all red capsules.



Capsule Blaster Y  
Clears all yellow capsules.



Capsule Blaster B  
Clears all blue capsules.



Capsule Blaster Z  
Clears all capsules.

### Virus Blasters

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Virus Blaster B  
Clears all blue viruses.

## Zappers

To use one of these miracle cures, simply place it where you want its effect to activate.



Horizontal Zapper  
Clears everything in its row.



Vertical Zapper  
Clears everything in its column.



+Zapper  
Clears everything in both its row and its column.

## Exploders

To use one of these miracle cures, simply place it where you want its effect to activate.




Exploder  
Clears everything in the indicated area that surrounds it.

## Exclusive to Vs. Battles

These miracle cures can really change the course of a vs. battle and secure you a miraculously fast win. If you trigger one, it will appear in your opponent's bottle and activate automatically, creating havoc for him or her for a short time. An exclamation mark will appear on-screen to indicate when one of these miracle cures is about to appear.



### Reverser

Inverts the left and right controls on  for a short time.



### Locker

Makes it impossible to rotate capsules for a short time.



### Booster

Makes capsules drop faster for a short time.



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