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EMERGENCY ALERT HANDLE with CARE	<p>ehlers-danlos.com</p> <p>EMERGENCY ALERT HANDLE with CARE</p> <p>Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome CONNECTIVE TISSUE DISORDER:</p> <p>Inherited faulty tissue that affects strength and elasticity of muscles, skin, joints, major organs and blood vessels. Can result in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spontaneous arterial/intestinal/uterine rupture, including aortic dissection and other cardiac abnormalities; • hypermobile joints that can dislocate easily; • fragile and/or stretchable skin that may readily bruise and tear; • musculoskeletal pain and fatigue; • delayed healing; • possible neurological and/or spinal involvement. 	<p>EMERGENCY INFORMATION EHLERS-DANLOS</p> <p>HANDLE THIS PATIENT WITH GREAT CARE.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joints may be lax and dislocate easily. • Skin tearing, splitting and bruising are common. • Mitral Valve Prolapse, umbilical and inguinal hernias may be present. Arterial or intestinal rupture commonly presents as acute abdominal or flank pain that can be diffuse or localized. • Cerebral arterial rupture may present with altered mental status and be mistaken for drug overdose. • Emergency procedures (especially for Vascular EDS) often require trauma, vascular surgery, ICU. Elective surgery and procedures should be avoided whenever possible. Non-invasive testing is highly preferred. • Healing may be delayed, with irregular scarring. Use alternatives to sutures whenever possible. Retain sutures/staples for twice the normal period; watch for wound reopening and dehiscence. • Anesthetists should use caution upon intubation, as jaw dislocation is common. • Local anesthetics are usually inadequate or short-lasting. • Potential spinal and/or cerebellar involvement may increase general anesthetic and surgical risks. <p style="text-align: center;">  The Ehlers Danlos Society 7918 Jones Branch Drive · Suite 300 · McLean, Virginia 22102 +1 (703) 506-2892 · Fax +1 (703) 506-3266 ehlers-danlos.com </p>
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