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EMERGENCY ALERT HANDLE WITH CARE	EHLERS-DANLOS.COM	<p>EHLERS-DANLOS.COM</p> <p>Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes CONNECTIVE TISSUE DISORDERS:</p> <p>Group of 13 genetic disorders that produce complex problems across multiple systems of the body. Can result in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spontaneous arterial/intestinal/urine rupture, including aortic dissection and other cardiac abnormalities; • hypermobile joints that can dislocate easily; • fragile and/or stretchable skin and tissue that may readily bruise and tear; • musculoskeletal pain and fatigue; • delayed healing; • dysautonomia, particularly orthostatic intolerance; • possible neurological and/or spinal involvement. 	EMERGENCY ALERT HANDLE WITH CARE	<p>EMERGENCY INFORMATION</p> <p>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. • 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. <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency procedures (especially for Vascular EDS) may require trauma, vascular surgery, ICU. Elective surgery and procedures should be carefully considered. 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. <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For general anesthesia, use caution when intubating as jaw dislocation is common and GI tissue fragile. • Local anesthetics are most often inadequate or short-lasting. • Potential spinal and/or cerebellar involvement may increase general anesthetic and surgical risks. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  <div> <p>The Ehlers Danlos Society.</p> <p>EHLERS-DANLOS.COM</p> </div> <div style="font-size: small;"> <p>P.O. Box 87463 Montgomery Village, MD 20886 P: 410-670-7577</p> <p>Office 7 - 35-37 Ludgate Hill London, EC4M 7JN UK P: +44 203 887 6132</p> </div> </div>
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