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<p><b>EMERGENCY ALERT HANDLE with CARE</b></p>	<p><b>WWW.EDNF.ORG</b></p> <p><b>Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome CONNECTIVE TISSUE DISORDER:</b></p> <p>Inherited faulty collagen that affects strength and elasticity of muscles, skin, joints, major organs and blood vessels. Can result in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• spontaneous arterial/intestinal/uterine rupture, including aortic dissection and other cardiac abnormalities;</li> <li>• hypermobile joints that can dislocate easily;</li> <li>• fragile and/or stretchable skin that may readily bruise and tear;</li> <li>• musculoskeletal pain and fatigue;</li> <li>• delayed healing;</li> <li>• possible neurological and/or spinal involvement.</li> </ul> <p><b>WWW.EDNF.ORG</b></p>	<p><b>EMERGENCY ALERT HANDLE with CARE</b></p>	<p><b>EMERGENCY INFORMATION EHLERS-DANLOS</b></p> <p><b>HANDLE THIS PATIENT WITH GREAT CARE.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joints may be lax and dislocate easily.</li> <li>• Skin tearing, splitting and bruising are common.</li> <li>• Mitral Valve Prolapse, umbilical and inguinal hernias may be present. <i>Arterial or intestinal rupture commonly presents as acute abdominal or flank pain that can be diffuse or localized.</i></li> <li>• Cerebral arterial rupture may present with altered mental status and be mistaken for drug overdose.</li> <li>• Emergency procedures (especially for Vascular EDS) often require trauma, vascular surgery, ICU. <i>Elective surgery and procedures should be avoided whenever possible. Non-invasive testing is highly preferred.</i></li> <li>• Healing may be delayed, with irregular scarring. <i>Use alternatives to sutures whenever possible. Retain sutures/staples for twice the normal period; watch for wound reopening and dehiscence.</i></li> <li>• Anesthetists should use caution upon intubation, as jaw dislocation is common.</li> <li>• Local anesthetics are usually inadequate or short-lasting.</li> <li>• Potential spinal and/or cerebellar involvement may increase general anesthetic and surgical risks.</li> </ul> <p><b>Ehlers-Danlos NATIONAL FOUNDATION</b></p> <p>1760 OLD MEADOW ROAD ■ SUITE 500 ■ MCLEAN VA 22102 703-506-2892 ■ <b>WWW.EDNF.ORG</b></p>
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