



CRITICAL CARE NOTE

Patient has a confirmed diagnosis of Vascular Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (VEDS)

VEDS is distinct from other EDS subtypes, and management and risks differ markedly. This is a potentially **life-threatening** condition that requires special consideration.

► Key Facts About VEDS

- It's a rare genetic condition affecting connective tissues, **mainly those in blood vessels, hollow organs, the lungs, and skin.**
- It increases the risk of **spontaneous ruptures of arteries, muscles, and organs.**

► Key Care Considerations

- **Avoid Invasive Procedures:** Whenever possible, avoid invasive procedures, including endoscopy, colonoscopy, and catheter arteriography. **The risk of arterial or organ rupture is high.**
- **Emergency Interventions:** In an emergency situation, surgery might be unavoidable, but it carries significant risk due to fragility of tissues.
- **Blood Pressure Monitoring:** Blood pressure control is critical to reduce the risk of arterial rupture.

► Immediate Contact

Should any changes in the patient's status occur, immediately contact:

Dr. _____, the patient's VEDS specialist at:

_____ Phone _____

Please consult this patient's **Electronic Health Record** for their individualized care plan.

Your attention and care can make a significant difference in the life of this patient. Thank you.

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