

# **EMERGENCY ALERT CARD LOEYS-DIETZ SYNDROME**

# (Heritable Connective Tissue Disorder)

This person is AT RISK for:

- AORTIC & ARTERIAL DISSECTION (head to pelvis)
- **PNEUMOTHORAX**
- **HOLLOW ORGAN RUPTURE**
- **RETINAL DETACHMENT**

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#### **MORE MEDICAL INFORMATION**

- This person may have FRAGILE TISSUES: extreme care should be taken in transport to and at the hospital. However, tissues are not too fragile for surgery.
- OTHER EMERGENCY complications: cardiac tamponade, hemorrhagic shock, ectopia lentis, hemoptysis, and during pregnancy: high risk of vascular events, uterine rupture.
- Information for MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS on Loeys-Dietz syndrome:

#### **CONTACT US**

1-888-LDS-FCAN www.loeysdietzcanada.org

HEALTH CARD NUMBER:



#### **CURRENT MEDICATIONS PATIENT INFORMATION** MECHANICAL VALVE **DIFFICULT AIRWAY** DOSE FREQUENCY **PACEMAKER** PRIOR AORTIC REPAIR CONTACTLENSES CERVICAL SPINE INSTABILITY If C-spine is unstable, use caution during **BLOOD THINNER(S)** intubation to avoid dislocation. **CURRENT ANEURYSMS:** EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME (RELATIONSHIP): PHONE NUMBER 2: PHONE NUMBER 1: **SURGERIES: (PREVIOUS & UPCOMING)** FULL NAME: DATE NAME OF SURGERY DATE OF BIRTH: BLOOD TYPE:

ALLERGIES (REACTIONS):	
To treat allergic reactions: Use antihistamine first. Because of its effect on	
the circulatory system, only use epinephrine injector in life-threatening cases	
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EMERGENCY SYMPTO	OMS & RECOMMENDATIONS evaluate for:	MEDICATION: ADDITIONAL DETAILS		
emergency services should	IEAD TO PELVIS) DISSECTION: be called and patient should receive nocardiogram) at the closest hospital to	NAME OF MEDICATION	PRESCRIBED BY	
and pain radiating through th extremities. Other symptoms breath, excessive sweating, inability to find apulse in the difference of 20 mmHg betw heart sounds or diastoliches (sudden difficulty speaking, r	severe pain in the chest or abdomen e chest, abdomen, back, and/or s: dizziness, fainting, shortness of confusion, weak and fast pulse or extremities, low blood pressure/ eeen arms, nausea, vomiting, muffled art murmur, or stroke symptoms numbness, weakness, paralysis on one can be life-threatening and requires			
SPONTANEOUS PNEUMOTHORAX; Symptoms include a sharp pain in the chest, shoulder, back, or neck, aggravated by cough or deep inhalation. Pain may cause difficulty breathing and nasal flaring. Skin may have a blue tinge, and light-headedness may be followed by shock or collapse. May be caused by ruptured pulmonary blebs.		Avoid use of stimulants and vasoconstrictors. Avoid use of fluoroquinolones unless there is no effective alternative to treat a serious infection. For more information on medication recommendations, scan the QR code.		
HOLLOW ORGAN RUPTURE: Intestine, spleen, or uterus may tear or rupture. Intestinal rupture symptoms include bloating, severe abdominal cramping, pain or tenderness when abdomen is touched, fever, chills, nausea and vomiting. Splenic rupture causes intense pain in the left shoulder/upper left abdomen, tenderness when shoulder/abdomen is touched, confusion, light-headedness and dizziness. Uterine rupture primarily occurs during pregnancy.  RETINAL DETACHMENT: Symptoms include visionthatis suddenlyblurredorhasdots, lines, flashesoflight, oradarkshadow movingacross. Untreated, retinaldetachment can cause blindness.		OTHER DIAGNOSES & INFORMATION		
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# **Emergency Alert Card for Loeys-Dietz Syndrome**

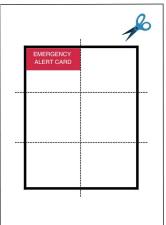


### This card is easy to use and could save your life. To use it:

- 1. Print page 1 and 2 of this document double-sided and fill out both pages by hand. Or, fill out page 1 and 2 with Adobe Acrobat and then print both pages double-sided. If you are unsure of any information, ask your medical provider.
- 2. Using the images below as a guide, cut around the solid borders of the card. Then, fold the card along the dotted lines.
- 3. Keep this card on you, in your wallet or with your pieces of identification.
- 4. Tell your friends and family that you have an alert card and that it should be shown to medical professionals in an emergency.
- 5. If your health information changes, update your card.

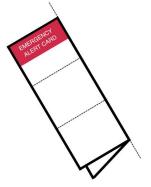
#### To fold this card:





After filling out page 2 and 3 and printing the pages double-sided, **cut along the solid border** of the card.

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Position the card so the "Emergency Alert Card" section is facing up and is in the top left corner of the page.

Then, **fold the card in half** by folding along the vertical dotted line in the middle of the page.

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Fold the card into three parts by folding along the two horizontal dotted lines.

The **folded card** should now show the "*Emergency Alert Card*" section on one side, and the "*Patient Information*" section with full name, date of birth, etc. on the other side.

**Disclaimer**: The Emergency Alert Card is intended to help convey information related to Loeys-Dietz syndrome and to an individual. It is not a substitute for the individual's medical records.