

Fold Line 1

My medications

Fold Line 2

Muscular Dystrophy Association

To learn more about DMD, visit mda.org/disease/duchenne-muscular-dystrophy or contact the MDA Resource Center at 833-ASK-MDA1 (275-6321).

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Fold Line 3

Emergency Room MDA Alert Card

Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD)

Name _____

Date of birth _____

Insurance _____

Policy number _____

Neurologist/MDA Care Center _____

Primary care physician _____

Notes from my physician

Precautions

Respiratory: Individuals with DMD may have impaired ventilation and chronic respiratory insufficiency without showing overt signs. Airway clearance regimens (e.g., cough assist devices) are important tools at baseline and at times of respiratory illness. This individual (**is / is not**) on BiPAP at night. If a medical need for oxygen supplementation arises, extreme caution is recommended; careful CO₂ monitoring and consideration of need for concurrent noninvasive ventilatory support is recommended.

Cardiac: Individuals with DMD are at risk for dilated cardiomyopathy but may not display classic signs of heart failure. Arrhythmia should also be considered. My cardiac medications include: _____

My cardiologist can be reached at: _____

Anesthesia safety:

Individuals with DMD require neuromuscular triggering anesthetic agents that include but are not limited to succinylcholine and inhaled gases.

Steroid safety: This individual (**is / is not**) on chronic steroids. If this individual is on steroids, there is a risk for adrenal insufficiency/adrenal crisis. Stress dose steroids may be required at times of illness or physiologic stress. This individual (**has / has not**) been instructed to seek attention for intravenous steroid replacement if unable to tolerate usual oral steroids.

Fractures:

Cases of fat embolism after fractures have been reported in individuals with DMD. A fat embolism should be considered after injury if respiratory difficulty, changes in mental status, or other signs develop.

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Fill out information.

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