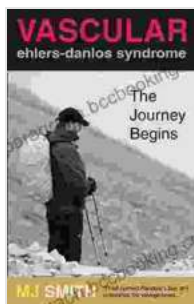


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Vascular Ehlers-Danlos syndrome (vEDS) is a rare genetic disorder that affects the blood vessels. It is caused by a mutation in the COL3A1 gene, which provides instructions for making type III collagen. Collagen is a protein that gives strength and elasticity to the blood vessels, skin, and other connective tissues. In vEDS, the mutation in the COL3A1 gene results in the production of abnormal type III collagen, which weakens the blood vessels and makes them more susceptible to damage.



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vEDS is a systemic disorder, which means that it can affect any part of the body. However, the most common symptoms are related to the blood vessels. These symptoms can include:

- Easy bruising

- Nosebleeds
- Gum bleeding
- Menorrhagia (heavy menstrual bleeding)
- Uterine rupture during pregnancy
- Arterial dissection (a tear in the wall of an artery)
- Aortic aneurysm (a bulge in the aorta, the largest artery in the body)
- Stroke
- Heart attack

vEDS is a serious condition that can lead to life-threatening complications. However, there are treatments available that can help to manage the symptoms and prevent complications. These treatments include:

- Medications to control blood pressure and reduce the risk of bleeding
- Surgery to repair or replace damaged blood vessels
- Lifestyle changes, such as avoiding activities that put stress on the blood vessels

If you have vEDS, it is important to see a doctor regularly to monitor your condition and manage your symptoms. With proper treatment, most people with vEDS can live full and active lives.

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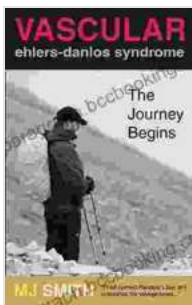
The journey of living with vEDS can be challenging, but it is also a journey of hope and resilience. There are many resources available to help you on

your journey, including:

- The Vascular Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Society
- The National Organization for Rare DisFree Downloads
- The Ehlers-Danlos Society

These organizations provide information, support, and advocacy for people with vEDS and their families. They can help you to connect with other people who understand what you are going through, and they can provide you with the resources you need to live a full and active life.

The journey of living with vEDS is not easy, but it is a journey that is worth taking. With the right support, you can overcome the challenges of vEDS and live a life that is full of hope and possibility.



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